



# The Sun

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## Sun Spots

**PBCC Golf Tourney**  
Palm Beach Community College's Glades Campus will be hosting the 13th Annual Golf & Scholarship Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 23 at the Belle Glade Country Club, West Lake Road, Belle Glade. Registration is at 8 a.m. and tee off is at 9 a.m. Entry fee of \$40 includes greens fees, cart, beverage and lunch. To register call the Pro Shop at 996-6605.

### 1999-2000 Pre-kindergarten Early Intervention Program

Rosenwald Elementary School, 1321 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, South Bay, is offering the 1999-2000 Prekindergarten Early Intervention Program. The dates to register are: Sept. 24, 27, 28, 29, and 30th and Oct. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Parents of children 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 1999 can register their child. The parent or guardian's household income must meet the requirement of the Free Lunch Program and parents must be currently employed or participating in the WAGES program.

Parents will need to bring their child's birth certificate or passport, income verification, proof of residency and proof of legal guardianship.

### Grassy Waters Festival & Car Show

The 1999 Grassy Waters Festival & Car Show is scheduled for Nov. 20 and volunteers are needed to help make this 11th annual festival the very best. The next committee meeting for the festival is Monday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce. Everyone is invited.

### City report available

During the next few weeks, the City of Belle Glade will be mailing out the 1998 Consumer Confidence Report, an Annual Drinking Water Quality Report to all consumers. Anyone interested in additional copies may pick them up at city hall or at the water treatment plant.

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### Lake Level 16.19 feet

above sea level  
September 21, 1999

## Weeks and Mathis win; Garrett, Wilson in runoff

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

Voters gave Steve Weeks the green light to serve his fifth consecutive term on the Belle Glade City Commission and D. Bill Mathis the right to serve his second term.

Belle Glade residents will go back to the polls Tuesday, Sept. 28 to choose between Donald Garrett and Steve Wilson for Seat D.

Current Mayor Mathis squeaked by challenger Daniel Bythwood by 25 votes to keep his seat. The tally was 850 for Mathis, 864 for Bythwood.

Weeks fought off a challenge by political newcomer Cynthia Larramore, winning back his seat by 148 votes; 932 to 784.

Three candidates were vying for Seat D, Garrett, Wilson and Betty Boyer. Garrett took 828 votes, Wilson 800 and Boyer 115.

Belle Glade City Clerk Debra Buff said 31.52 percent of the city's registered voters turned out for the election. The city has 5,866 registered voters and 1,849 of them voted in this election. Last year's city election only drew 23.92 percent of the registered voters.

Mr. Garrett was pleased with voter response but said, "I gave

110 percent and this week I'm going to give 150 percent. I really want this because I know that what I'm doing is for the citizens of Belle Glade."

If elected, Mr. Garrett has pledged to donate all but \$1 of his monthly commission salary to charity.

Speaking of his win, Mr. Mathis said, "I'm looking forward to the next two years and being productive. Some of the things we've started we want to finish."

"He said this race was a little contentious, but I hope to pull the community back together again."

Mr. Wilson said he plans to work hard this next week and "get the people back out to the polls. I want to thank those who did come out and I'm hoping to reach those who did not support me."

Commissioner Weeks said, "It's always humbling to win the first election, but it's more humbling to win the second, third, fourth and fifth. We have challenges here and working with Bill the current commission, I believe we'll meet them."

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. next Tuesday, Sept. 28 at the Belle Glade Fire Station.

## AMR assures residents of good service if they take over

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

County Commissioners will make a final decision Sept. 28 on which ambulance company will provide service to the Glades area after November 1. County staff is recommending American Medical Response, a company that already operates in the county and was the low bidder for the service. AMR says they will operate the Glades ambulance service at no cost to the county.

In a previous story, *The Sun* was told by Jerry Jacobs, a paramedic with Everglades EMS, that the Palm Beach County Health Care District is currently subsidizing the Glades a little over \$800,000 for the service. Elizabeth

Hernandez, public relations for the HCD, said the district has nothing to do with providing payment for ambulance service, and this is provided by the county.

Mr. Jacobs, who is trying to purchase Everglades EMS, is one of the bidders for the Glades ambulance service. Everglades bid \$675,000 to operate the service yearly.

He said he fears if AMR gets the bid, they will only provide one ambulance in Belle Glade and one in Pahokee per shift. Currently, two are on duty each shift per area.

Residents need not worry. Says Jamie Caldwell, Director of Operations for AMR's northern division.

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CAMPAIGN SUPPORTERS AT THE POLLS. Political candidates and their supporters were out in force Tuesday morning trying to get voters to support them. Shown, from left are Gloria and Tom Swager and Bobbie Mathis.

## Lack of shelter space during Hurricane Floyd leaves Glades officials asking, "What if?"

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

What if Floyd, the category 4 hurricane that skirted South Florida hadn't turned at the last minute last week? How many people would have flocked to the only Red Cross approved shelter in our area? Would people have been turned away?

These questions and more are being asked by officials in Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee.

Dr. Elsie Gear, principal at Glades Central Community High School, where 730 people took shelter Tuesday, Sept. 14, in a shelter approved for only 300, also has some questions.

Her concern is what would have happened if Belle Glade officials had enforced the mandatory evacuation of the over 1,200 mobile homes in towns.

"Where would we have put all those people?" she wonders. "We couldn't turn them away."

She is also concerned that if large numbers of people had packed the auditorium, would tempers have flared with people in such close proximity without room to lie down or move around.

Those with special needs were taken to the band room at Glades Central, but Dr. Gear says there were still too many bodies.

Belle Glade's Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety Michael Miller, says, indeed, it could have been worse.

"We could have had 4,500 to 4,800 people who could have needed shelter," he said. "One of our greatest concerns here was the possibility of tornados and squall lines," he added.

Pahokee's City Manager Ken Schenck said about 100 people sought shelter at the old Pahokee High School gymnasium, even though it wasn't a Red Cross approved shelter.

The city paid for snacks and drinks for those who showed up, but hopes in the future this won't happen.

"We're hoping to get Pahokee High School certified as soon as possible," said Mr. Schenck.

Vince Bonvento, assistant Palm Beach County administrator, said there is a lot of frustration with the lack of shelters throughout the county.

He said the state came down in February and inspected the shelters in the county and 19 of the 23 failed to pass inspection.

"We were in shock. We contacted Tallahassee and were able to get 10 of them

back on the list within 10 days. Some of the deficiencies were so minor it was ridiculous," he noted.

There was not enough time to get Pahokee High School recertified, said Mr. Bonvento, "but we are working on that."

In the meantime, the county has said they will open PHS if needed, and have volunteers man the school.

Officials were surprised at the number of people who went to shelters. "People were scared because of the magnitude of this storm," said Mr. Bonvento, who blames the media for using scare tactics such as showing the devastation after Hurricane Andrew and telling viewers the storm was "twice the size of Andrew. We were inundated because of this," he said.

Two places Belle Glade Police Chief Miller says he hopes to see certified in the future include Palm Beach Community College, Glades Campus and the West County Senior Citizens Center, which used to be a special needs location.

Chief Miller said the new Lake Shore Middle School, which is being built on West Canal Street, will be an approved Red Cross shelter when it opens next year.

## Bayfest is back

It's time once again for Bayfest '99, South Bay's Cross Roads Cultural Festival.

Live entertainment starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16 at Tanner Park.

Musical entertainment will include Blues, Country, Gospel, Jazz, Mariachi, Rap, Reggae, R & B, Salsa and Soca. There will also be dancing, multi-cultural foods, arts and carnivals.

Admission to Bayfest '99 is free and will run from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. The festival is sponsored by the City of South Bay and local area businesses. The fun this year will include

a Bed Race, a Halloween Costume Contest, a Baking Contest along with ethnic foods, arts and music and a Mr. and Miss Bayfest Pageant.

The Little Mr. and Miss Bayfest Pageant will be held on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Rosenwald Elementary School.

The ages for the pageant are three to five year-olds and six to seven year olds. A \$25 entrance fee is required to be a sponsor. Applications may be picked-up at South Bay City Hall, South Bay Police Department and area elementary schools.



HIGH FIVING...Palm Beach Community College President Dr. Dennis Gallon and Glades Campus provost Dr. Helen Franke high five over the highest enrollment at the Glades Campus since it opened. The campus serves students in Belle Glade, Pahokee, South Bay, Canal Point, Clewiston, Royal Palm Beach, Wellington and Loxahatchee.

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# ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Jennifer Lynn Sandusky and Brian Douglas Day, both of Valdosta, Ga., has announced their engagement. She is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Fleck and the late Carl Dowers Sandusky, of Blountstown, Fla. Brian is a former resident of Belle Glade. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Day lived in Belle Glade with their son and daughter, Nicky for several years before moving to Eustis, Fla. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Ed and Mabel Weaver of Perry, Ga., Shipp Sandusky and the late Sue Sandusky of Marianna, Fla. and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sneller of Jacksonville. She is employed with The Associates First Capital, Inc. as manager of the Valdosta office. Her fiancé is the grandson of Jean Lane and the late Charles C. Lang of Belle Glade and Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Day of Rushville, Ill. He is manager of Rex Radio and Television, Inc. of Valdosta. The wedding will take place Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. at The First United Methodist Church in Valdosta with the reception following at J.P. Muldoon's.



**Jennifer Sandusky and Brian Douglas Day**



**Charkata Denise Anderson and Antonio Dewayne Young**

Charkata Denise Anderson and Antonio Dewayne Young, of Belle Glade, will wed Saturday, Sept. 25.

Charkata is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson of Belle Glade; she graduated from Glades Central High School in 1999.

Antonio is the son of Mamie Young and Lee Walker of South Bay. He graduated from Glades Central High School in 1996.

The couple will wed at the Harvest AME Church located at 825 Larimore Rd. in Belle Glade at 4 p.m.

They will reside Belle Glade.

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Deadline for booth entry application  
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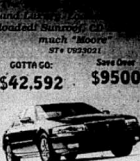


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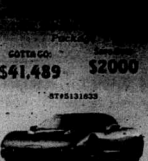
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# Dentist with honors comes to Belle Glade: Dr. Inge Ford



Dr. Inge Ford with staff of Dentistry of the Glades at 124 S.W. 1st St. Belle Glade.

After 21 years' service to the Belle Glade community, Dr. Ray Behm is announcing, with mixed feelings, that he is semi-retiring.

As he has built up strong personal relationships with numerous families and individuals in the community, he feels he has a large responsibility to make sure these people continue to receive the high standard of care that he has established.

As a result, Dr. Behm has done an extensive search to find just the right dentist who can continue delivering high-caliber care to his valued patients.

Now he is proud to announce

"I have found a dentist who surpasses even my expectations, Dr. Inge Ford. A graduate of the University of Florida College of Dentistry in Gainesville, Dr. Ford has received numerous honors, and she knows the value of delivering and receiving quality dental treatment."

Dr. Inge Ford is joining Dr. Ray Behm's dental practice in Belle Glade, Dentistry of the Glades.

The recipient of many honors, Dr. Ford is a National Health Service Scholar and has provided dental care to patients in Belle Glade for two years. She begins delivering service at Dentistry of the Glades on Sep-

tember 27, 1999. At that time, longer office hours and more service delivery will be available.

Dr. Ford is a member of the American Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry, and she actively participates in continuing education that ultimately enhances her patient's oral health.

Dr. Ford is featured in the American Association of Dental Schools' publication about minorities in dentistry and is active in her community.

She is the proud mother of four and grandmother of three. The family enjoys traveling, outdoor activities (camping,

biking, sports), cooking together and quiet time.

The services Dr. Ford will provide include:

- Restorative care
- Crowns
- Bridges
- Root canal therapy
- Extractions
- Partial or full dentures

Dr. Ford says: "We are committed to delivering quality dental care at a reasonable cost."

Dr. Ford welcomes new patients to the practice and looks forward to meeting existing patients of Dr. Behm's.

For an appointment with Dr. Ford, call 561-996-0111.

## Chocolate chews offer option in calcium supplements



Katrina Elksen  
Contributing  
Editor

Women need calcium. There's no question about that.

But the majority of American women only get about half the recommended daily amount of calcium from their daily diet.

Women who don't get enough calcium risk bone loss and osteoporosis. If you don't consume enough calcium, your body will take calcium from your bones and teeth. This can contribute to the "brittle" bone problems many older women face.

If a pregnant woman does not consume enough calcium, her body will take calcium from her bones and teeth to nourish the baby.

Foods high in calcium include broccoli, milk and dairy products.

I recently came across a new kind of calcium supplement designed for women who don't

or can't get the calcium they need from food.

All of the research I have seen indicates that it is best to get the vitamins and nutrients you need from real food, the way nature intended.

However, that just isn't always possible.

Some women have allergies or other health problems and have to limit consumption of dairy products. And I know this is hard to believe, but some adults simply don't like milk.

Personally, I love milk. But my digestive system is not so fond of it, so I have to limit consumption. This means that over the years I have often had to take supplemental calcium, especially when I was pregnant or breastfeeding a baby.

Mead Johnson Nutritionals recently started marketing Viactiv, a calcium supplement that looks and tastes like chocolate candy. It comes in two flavors, milk chocolate and mocha. The texture is similar to a Tootsie Roll.

I tried a sample and passed out a few to friends. While it's not Godiva chocolate, everyone

seemed to find the taste pleasant.

The chewable calcium supplement is easier to consume than most of the pill forms I have tried. Calcium supplements tend to be rather large pills and you often have to take a lot of them. (One prescription I had called for nine pills a day.) Many people simply don't like to take pills.

Each of the chews contains 500 mg of calcium. An eight ounce glass of milk contains about 300 mg of calcium.

How much calcium you need each day depends on your age and size. In general, children need about 1,300 mg per day; women age 19-50 need about 1,000 mg per day; women over 50 need about 1,200 mg per day.

Those who are pregnant or breastfeeding need an additional 300 mg per day.

Viactiv also contains vitamins D and K, which help the body absorb calcium more efficiently and help the body build strong bones.

Doctors have traditionally promoted calcium for strong

bones and teeth.

However, recent research indicates it may also have other health benefits. Sufficient consumption of calcium may also lower the risk of breast cancer, decrease the risk of hypertension and reduce the symptoms of PMS.

The only drawback I can find with Viactiv is the cost. A package of 12 costs around \$14.9. Some people might find that a little pricey. Of course, if you consider the calcium content, one Viactiv chew costs less than a glass of milk.

The big advantage I can see to the chocolate chews is that this option might encourage women who do not take other supplements to consume more calcium.

Check with your doctor before taking any nutritional supplement or before making changes in your diet or exercise plan.

This is especially important if you are on prescription medication. Many medications interact with each other and with certain foods.

## Children First Campaign continues to encourage parents

By Terri Calsetta

Director of Marketing  
Glades General Hospital

Violence in the home can be frightening and harmful to children.

Children need a safe and loving home where they do not have to grow up in fear. A child who has seen violence at home does not always become violent, but he or she may be more likely to try to resolve conflicts with violence.

It is important that you and your children learn to take precautions against becoming the

victims of a violent crime. Here are some important steps that you can take to keep yourself and your children safe:

- Teach your children safe routes for walking in your neighborhood.

- Encourage them to walk with a friend at all times and only in well-lighted, busy areas.

- Stress how important it is for them to report any crimes or suspicious activities they see to you, a teacher, another trustworthy adult, or the police.

- Show them how to call 911.

- Make sure they know what

to do if anyone tries to hurt them. Say "no," run away and tell a reliable adult.

- Tell them never to open the door to or go anywhere with someone they don't know and trust.

Help your children accept and get along with others from various racial and ethnic backgrounds. Teach them that criticizing people because they are different is hurtful and that name-calling is unacceptable.

Make sure they understand that using words to start or encourage violence or to quietly accept violent behavior is

harmful. Warn your child that bullying and threats can be a setup for violence.

Remember, only you can make your Children First.

Children First is a community service campaign to help educate and remind parents and guardians or caregivers to give their children proper priority. This program is sponsored by Glades General Hospital and WSWN/WBCE radio. For more information, please call me at Glades General Hospital, 996-6471, ext. 444.

## ER Chronicles: Obviously The Mother



Arlen R.  
Stauffer, M.D.

Larry got to the red Camaro first, and had the top down by the time Grant arrived. Grant sprang over the door and into the passenger seat as Larry fired her up. The new pipes had a great rumble.

"Hey, Larry, I think I did pretty good on that geometry test today; I'm riding high!"

With that, as Larry pulled out of the parking lot, Grant climbed up on the back of the seat, waving to friends like a beauty queen in a parade. The Camaro moved slowly to the corner stop, that new wax glistening in the bright light. Grant closed his eyes and turned his face up into the warm sun. Life was good, but it was about to change.

Neither teenager had time to react when the sound of screeching tires drowned out the radio. In the blink of an eye, Grant was airborne from his seat-back and Larry's body jolted in every direction at once. Shattered glass sprayed everything within 30 feet, and

the red Camaro rested sideways in the intersection, its entire rear-end crushed in.

"OK, gang, let's get ready! Two more that weren't wearing seat belts."

Emergency physician Tammy Cortez had listened intently to the paramedic's radio report about the two incoming victims. For at least a few minutes, these would get the full attention of the ER Team. Everyone else would have to wait.

"Let's put that first one in here," she said while pointing

into Trauma 2. "He has good vitals, but he was ejected from the car, so we'll need to check him out pretty thoroughly."

"I'll get the second one going in here," Phil called from the next room. He was an experienced emergency nurse, and knew the drill.

Grant was wheeled into Trauma 2 as Cortez and two nurses closed in.

"His vitals are still good; pressure is 134 over 74. The paramedic's words were reassuring." And he is more alert now; he's actually pretty with

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## Smile Lines



Dr. Inge Ford

Enamel Story

What is the hardest substance in your body? A. The bones of your cranium. B. Your tooth enamel. C. Your thigh bones.

The correct answer is actually a no-brainer, considering a dentist is writing this column. But yes, you're right, the correct answer is B.

Enamel is the hard outer covering of the tooth, and its function is protection. This is necessary because the dentin under the enamel is soft and sensitive. Enamel is so hard, it would take over 450 years of chewing to wear through it and expose the dentin.

But enamel can be dissolved by acid and some acidic chemicals. A very common culprit is phosphoric acid sodas, espe-

cially Pepsi and Coke. Fruit juices remaining in contact with the teeth (such as putting a baby to bed with a bottle of apple juice), excessive sucking on lemons and chewable vitamin C can dissolve enamel.

Chemicals in swimming pools can dissolve the enamel if one spends a tremendous amount of time in a pool. Bulimia (excessive self-induced vomiting) can also dissolve enamel, the digestive acids from your stomach create the damage.

Porcelain teeth can wear down enamel on the opposing natural teeth. Enamel can also be worn down by night grinding and clenching (which many of us do).

As an aside, an excellent remedy for night-grinding and clenching, (which can cause severe pain in your teeth), is a precise mixture of powdered calcium and magnesium, dissolved in hot water and cider vinegar. This relaxes the muscles, and can relieve the stress that causes the grinding/clenching. Taking this mixture before bed can alleviate night grinding, and taking it during stressful days can be a factor in saving your teeth.

This formula is available pre-mixed in small cans and is called CalMax. It is available at my office.

Follow the preparation

directions on the can exactly, or it will not be effective.

Another remedy for night grinding and clenching is just to be aware that you do it. When you find yourself clenching your teeth, relax your jaw and separate the teeth. A good rule of thumb is "Keep your lips together and teeth apart". Consciously doing this will undo the old habit of clenching, and replace it with the new habit of giving your teeth a break, and keep them from aching.

The density of the dentin under the enamel is similar to hard wood, and will decay rapidly when exposed to bacteria. Like skin, dentin is one of the substances in the body that can renew itself. Teeth can actually heal themselves if the factors are favorable (no acidic substrates or sweets in the diet).

At the spot where the enamel is gone, the body will create hardened dentin, and form almost a "scar". This hardened dentin protects the nerve near the center of the tooth, and can save you from a lot of discomfort.

Dr. Ford is now doing dentistry at Dr. Ray Behm's office, located at 124 S.W. First Street in Belle Glade, across from Gilbert's Jewelers.

Dr. Ford's telephone number is 561-996-0111.

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You are not required to give your name. While we want you to speak out freely, the newspaper reserves the right to edit calls for clarity, brevity, relevance and fairness.

### Responding to Speak Out

"In response to last week's Speak Out, 'Poor and black doesn't equal stupid,' the speaker was completely correct in asking 'Are the concerned parents making it hard on the rest of us?' Those concerned parents certainly are making it hard on the rest of us."

A person doesn't need to go to a school to see youngsters with no discipline. Just yesterday I witnessed two different groups of black boys, probably around 11 and 14 years of age, roaming through a video store and later through the public library. Those groups were rowdy and obviously not intending to check out a video or a book.

They were, as it is said, running loose. How do their fathers account for their sons' behavior?

Self-control, discipline and respect for others starts, and is maintained, in the home. If those virtues are not enforced at home, no school, teacher or administrator can expect to teach them satisfactorily and completely.

While the author of the Speak Out referred to above may provide a positive home environment, in our community so many parents don't, hence, everyone's educational opportunities are compromised by the unruly.

Before questioning school settings, question the adults and the teenagers producing these children and then abandoning those children's social training.

Simply to read the weekly arrest blotters in the paper and note the number of juveniles arrested, shows this. Blame many parents, not schools.

Thank you."

### More on schools

"In response to the September 9 Speak Out, I agree that lack of control in the classrooms is one of the causes of lower academic achievement in our schools. As a veteran teacher in the Glades area schools, I have discovered that effective teaching and learning are directly related to class size. It is rarely possible to stay focused when you have four or five socially dysfunctional or emotionally unbalanced students taking up 90% of the teacher's time in a classroom of 25 or 30 pupils. It would be much more effective to deal with these disruptive students, create a positive classroom environment and maintain the academic momentum if you were teaching only 10 or 15 children at a time.

What can the Palm Beach School Board do to improve academic achievement in our classrooms? From a teacher's viewpoint, low-

ering the student-teacher ratio would have immediate, measurable, tangible and long term results. Of course Mr. Taxpayer would complain, and reasonably so, that this proposal would be prohibitively expensive. Well, surprise, surprise!! Did you know that in our county we already do have a low 10 or 15 students per teacher? But the actual classrooms don't show it. Why? Because our school board has hired hundreds and hundreds of "teachers" who are not teaching in the classrooms. They are known collectively as specialists or resource teachers. Their apparent function is to attend meetings, fill out papers, monitor cafeterias, oversee bus loading and unloading, act as personal aides to assistant principals, schedule regular classroom teachers for non-instructional duties and otherwise annoy the real teachers with their useless busy-work projects. These people are the administrator "wannabes" of our system. One of them actually quoted, "Thank God, I'm out of the classroom," prior to opening one of the innane workshops she was presenting to regular classroom educators. They are woefully ineffective in such positions and getting paid for it.

This misuse of personnel is a waste of precious educational dollars, as I have witnessed that the "resource teachers" are often the most gifted classroom teachers whose talents are being utilized pushing papers.

Please, let us place these motivating educators back into the classrooms where they may have the most impact in improving our schools."

Eugenia Jones, Area 4 Executive Director responds: "Thank you for the opportunity to respond. Palm Beach County School District has made a strong commitment to reducing class size. Every Glades elementary school has a teacher to student ratio of 1:15 each day during the 90 minute instructional reading block. Other support personnel provide additional help in reducing class size throughout the rest of the school day. The job description for resource teachers is clearly defined as reflected in the attached job description. (Ed. note: this description was too long for us to run. Anyone interested can call the school board office at 996-4800.) If any resource teacher is not fulfilling the roles and responsibilities as defined, then principals have been directed to take immediate and appropriate corrective action."

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"ANF! ANF! HOW DID YOU MAKE AN F IN THAT CLASS? YOU TOLD ME THAT IT WAS EASY AND THAT YOU NEVER DID ANYTHING IN THERE?"

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"I GUESS THAT'S IT... I NEVER DID ANYTHING IN THERE."

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## American Red Cross wishes to thank the school board and principals

Dear Editor:

The American Red Cross wants to commend the efforts of the school board and their staff who assisted in operating the ten shelters for thousands of residents during the storm.

The principals, custodians, school police officers and cafeteria workers worked tirelessly alongside Red Cross workers in tending to the needs of the shelter residents.

It was erroneously reported that Principals turned potential residents away and this was not the case.

In fact, schools were open beyond their rated capacity to accommodate the shelter needs of the 5,277 residents of our community who sought refuge from Hurricane Floyd in our

shelters.

That made it very close quarters in many of the shelters. School board workers, Red Cross volunteers and shelter residents made the best of the situation.

We're gathering stories from each of our shelter managers regarding their experiences at their shelters. We are happy to report that no major incidents occurred during the 30+ hours that the shelters were open.

"We were given the opportunity for a grand dress rehearsal," stated Larry Koslick, Executive Director of the American Red Cross Palm Beach County Chapter. "We learned a lot and will use this experience as an opportunity to review and improve. The

American Red Cross, the school board and the county will be collaborating in the future to locate and survey additional shelters in order to increase our communities' shelter capacity. We learned a lot. We will use this exercise as an opportunity to improve our sheltering capacity and procedures. We are grateful for our partnerships with the school board and the county's division of emergency management for their support and active participation during that tenuous time."

Sincerely,  
Toni Sanders  
Director of Communications

## Everglades endangered bird being studied by university

By Aaron Hoover  
University of Florida News

With a population of around 3,000 living only in the Florida Everglades, the Cape Sable seaside sparrow is one of the nation's most endangered birds.

But help may soon be on the way from two University of Florida engineering professors who plan to create a detailed map of part of the sparrow's habitat using a cutting-edge airborne laser mapping system. The project, which likely will begin this winter, is the most recent of more than a half-dozen diverse mapping projects led by the engineers since they first used the system to map hurricane-damaged beaches in 1996.

"This year, we've used the system to map everything from a county landfill to natural areas on Cape Canaveral to flood zones in Pinellas County," said Ramesh Shrestha, a UF professor of civil engineering. "So far, it's proved accurate and very, very fast."

The U.S. Geological Survey has asked Shrestha and Bill Carter, a UF adjunct professor of civil engineering, to map the elevation of the ground in a 25-square-mile area of the Cape Sable sparrow's Everglades home. The elevation, accurate to 1 foot, should reveal the ideal habitat for the sparrow, whose nests are easily swamped by floods or scavenged by predators if not built among marsh grasses at the right height.

The idea is to protect the best nesting areas from people going in with airplanes or other disturbances," Professor Carter said. "But first they have to know what the best areas are."

Alt in a small plane, the system has a highly accurate pulsed laser that emits 10,000 pulses of light each second toward the ground. The pulses hit and scatter back, allowing the system to gauge the distance between the plane and ground. The result is a digital image of the ground that mimics each small variation in elevation with corresponding data for the latitude, longitude and height of thousands of points on the ground.

While the sparrow project represents the first use of the laser system for animal conservation, it has been used for several other conservation-related projects this year.

For example, the engineers used the system to map the marsh around Cedar Key to help federal officials determine if it is in poor health because of a decline in the flow of fresh water from the Suwannee River. They also have mapped the treetop altitude and ground elevation at Cape Canaveral to generate data expected to help Kennedy Space Center officials determine the area's susceptibility to fire, among other information.

"They'd like to know, if they get a fire, how big an area is likely to be burned and whether it will impinge on any of their launch activities," Carter said.

The University of Florida purchased the \$1.3 million laser mapping system four months ago after Carter and Shrestha modified it and used it on a trial basis for some time. The bulk of the money came from the proceeds of the engineers' biggest project to date: mapping Pinellas County to determine what areas are most prone to flooding. Carter and Shrestha's findings in some cases conflict with Federal Emergency Management Agency flood maps of the county and have resulted in a delay of planned increases in flood insurance rates for many of the county's residents, they said.

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**SPEAK OUT/From Pg. 4****Questions for the Pahoee Housing Authority**

"I'm calling to find out what's going on at the Pahoee Housing Authority. There was a time when residents could go to members of the authority and had no problem getting assistance paying their rent. Now, when a resident goes to the Pahoee Housing Authority administrative staff the only thing on their list is eviction, eviction, eviction.

I don't know whether it's members of management or what, but I truly want to know what's going on.

Also, there was a unit chosen at Padgett Island to get a new type of bathroom. I want to know, why was the deputy director's mother's house chosen for this. There are numerous other units here in worse condition than that one. Why was his mother's unit chosen for this?

The housing authority is always saying they need money for this and money for that. Then why is it that you see the company vehicles late at night riding in Belle Glade and Pahoee and other areas that are not assigned to the Pahoee Housing Authority? This is truly a waste of money.

So, if you're trying to save money, stop abusing the company vehicles and using them for personal use and use it just for Pahoee Housing Authority business.

If other residents feel the same way I do please come out to the board meetings and speak your opinions because I'm quite sure the board wants to hear our concerns.

Thanks for listening."

**Can The Sun investigate?**

"I'm calling about an issue that I heard about the other day and I'm asking The Sun newspaper to follow it up and find out if there's anything to this.

I'm understanding that the Palm Beach County Health Care District is only going to have one ambulance in the Western Palm Beach County area due to the Everglades Ambulance Service not being in service and being bankrupt.

If we only have one ambulance in the Glades area that is very much insufficient for our area. The Glades citizens should stick together and do something. This is getting ridiculous with the Health Care District."

Please follow this up and find out what you can. Thank you for your help."

**Editor's note:** I spoke with Elizabeth Hernandez, media relations for the Palm Beach County Health Care District. She said we have been given some incorrect information about this situation. She says the PBCHCD is not the funding agency for ambulance service; the county handles that. Please see the front page story about the matter. There have apparently been a lot of misinformation being given to Glades residents.

**More on ambulance service**

"This is in regard to the ambulance service in Belle Glade, Pahoee and South Bay. It's a

shame that The Sun doesn't express more about this. It's a big story for the Belle Glade community as far as being able to be taken care of by a medical ambulance.

American Medical Response, the ambulance company that's going to be coming in, is only going to have one ambulance in Belle Glade and one ambulance in Pahoee. That's two ambulances to cover an area from Broward County line to Hendry County line, to Okeechobee County line to 20-Mile Bend.

How can they expect to have the adequate coverage with just two ambulances? What happens if you have an automobile accident on U.S. 27 and you also have a medical emergency in Belle Glade or South Bay? Where are they going to get the coverage for this?

Don't the people of Belle Glade deserve to be represented? What happened to the city commission on this? Where have they been? Don't they care?

How about the mayor? Does he care? The city management, do they care? The fire department, the police department, where are at when this is going on. The Sun should have put more on this to allow the citizens of Belle Glade to know what's going on so they could call their county commissioners, the city council, to call the emergency medical services.

American Medical Responses put in a zero bid on this. How can they afford to do this? Are they just trying to get into the county and make it just them in the county which it will be?

Belle Glade deserves to have its own ambulance service as they have for many years.

I think it's time the people of Belle Glade get out and say no to this. We deserve more medical coverage and emergency coverage.

Again, where is the city commission on this?"

**Editor's response:** We received other calls about this subject. This caller's information is also incorrect. Again, readers should read the front page story this week about this subject to get all the facts.

**Responding to Speak Out**

"I'm responding to what Pahoee *Speak Out* May Gamble wrote in last week's *Speak Out*. I am the parent of the two year old child who had to pay to go to the football game.

I still do not feel that a toddler or a child under five should have to pay to watch a football game.

And about those bleachers. Parents should watch their children and if they want to bring their children they should have that right. If they would fix those bleachers though, it wouldn't be a problem and the children so be made to sit in the seats instead of running around playing."

**Editor's note:** We received other calls about this matter, suggest the caller (who asked us to contact Area 4 Director Eugenia Jones) contact Mrs. Jones at 996-4900 if they need additional answers.

Also, we received more *Speak Out* calls this week than we have room to run. Those not in this week's paper should run in the Sept. 30 edition.

Thank you for Speaking Out.

**We were lucky, Hurricane Floyd missed us**

I'm not a big believer in luck. As author R.E. Shaw once wrote, "Depend on the rabbit's foot if you will, but remember it didn't work for the rabbit."

Yet, even I am amazed at how fortunate we have been in recent years with hurricanes. Floyd is just the latest close call for residents along Florida's east coast.

A few weeks ago it was Hurricane Dennis, a category two hurricane that came within 100 miles of our coast. Dennis ended up in North Carolina after whipping our surf and wiping away many of our beaches.

Last year it was Hurricane Georges, a powerful storm that began life in the central Atlantic, hop-scotched through the northern Leeward Islands, plowed through Puerto Rico, barreled across Hispanola, before hitting Key West and eventually Mississippi.

In 1996, our area was threatened by two big storms: Hurricane Bertha and Fran. Both hurricanes ended up in North Carolina (a state that has seen more than its share of tropical cyclones in recent years) after coming very close to our coast line.

Call it luck, call it being in the right place at the right time, call it what you will, but



Mike Lyons

our part of Florida has been very fortunate for a number of years.

In fact, if you look at the history books, the last time we were directly impacted by a hurricane was 20 years ago when David paralleled the coastline. The last major hurricane (category 3 or higher) to strike the Palm Beaches was 50 years ago, while it has been over 66 years since the Treasure Coast took a direct impact from a major storm.

Yet that same history book if full of examples of hurricanes that slammed right into our

coastline. According to Tropical Cyclones of the North Atlantic Ocean, 1871 to 1998, Florida has been struck by more hurricanes than any other state.

And the southeastern part of the state has been hit more often than any other part of Florida. The book says our part of Florida has been hit by 26 hurricanes from 1871 to 1998, with 11 of those hurricanes reaching category 3 or higher status.

So, given our history, why have all the hurricanes stayed away in recent years? Part of the explanation is the upper air pattern.

In the case of Floyd and Dennis a trough of low pressure came to our rescue. The troughs (or cold front, if you wish) swept south into Dixie helping turn the two hurricanes to the north and away from our coast.

In the case of Bertha and Fran, a large high pressure system centered over Bermuda helped turn the two hurricanes to the north and, again, away from our coastline.

The troughs and the high pressure system just happened to be in the right place at the right time. Call that luck if you will, but remember the only sure thing about luck is that it will change.

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The Greater New Hope Church family would like to give honor to our pastor, Reverend Perry Seg-Bass and his lovely wife, Sister Magdalene Bass for 10 years of leadership. The anniversary began with a banquet held Saturday, Sept. 18 at the Greater New Hope Church. We are also selling ads for a souvenir booklet. The events are as follows: Wed., Sept. 22 - United Missionary Baptist Church, Bryant; Rev. James W. Hines, Thru., Sept. 23 - Mt. Calvary, South Bay; Rev. Cooper Sam., Sept. 26 - New Bethel, Belle Glade; Rev. Harrison.



We love you, Greater New Hope Family

**Arrest Blotters**

**Editor's note:** The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

**BELLE GLADE**

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 602 complaints and gave 44 traffic citations the week of September 13-19.

Those arrested included:

**September 13 - Robert Lee Canty,** 35, possession of burglary tools and petty theft.

**September 14 - No arrests made.**

**September 15 - No arrests made.**

**September 16 - Juvenile,** 17, burglary of a vehicle; **Mike C. Williams,** 19, throwing a deadly missile into an occupied vehicle; **Juvenile,** 16, battery on a law enforcement officer and possession of alcohol by a minor; **Gilbert Stokes,** 21, violation of probation, escape, resisting arrest without violence; **Derold Delapenha,** 37, battery.

**September 17 - Lavern Williams,** 45, retail theft.

**September 18 - Leon Anderson,** 28, disorderly conduct; **Tequila Burroughs,** 28, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; **Beny Tate,** 31, retail theft.

**September 19 - Jajuan Felder,** 19, opposing by disguise; **Melvin Moore,** 38, domestic battery; **Wanda Nierwa,** 29, retail theft; **Willie Dennard,** 37, retail theft; **Claude Brown,** 39, contempt of court for failing to comply with a court order.

**PAHOKEE**

The Pahoee Police Department made 13 arrests, handled 268 calls and issued 36 traffic citations the week of September 13-19.

Those arrested included:

**September 13 - Pablo Pitre,** 22, picked up on four warrants; **Juvenile,** 13, simple battery; **Lastevia Sloan,** 18, contributing to the delinquency of a minor; **Alvin Walker,** 49, false imprisonment and felony battery.

**September 14 - Hubert Mitchell,** 31, warrant for order of commitment.

**September 15 - No arrests made.**

**September 16 - Juvenile,** 13, aggravated battery; **Andrew Cornish,** 30, domestic battery; **Juvenile,** 14, grand theft of a fire arm, possession of a firearm by a minor and dealing in stolen property.

**September 17 - James Atterberry,** 60, possession of drug paraphernalia; **Girle Robinson,** 21, violation of probation warrant; **Stanley Dorsey,** 30, domestic battery; **Ponnell Hixson,** 27, disorderly intoxication.

**September 18 - No arrests made.**

**September 19 - Keith McIntyre,** 20, burglary on an occupied dwelling.

**SOUTH BAY**

The South Bay Police Department made 4 arrests the week of September 12-18.

Those arrested included:

**September 12 - No arrests made.**

**September 13 - No arrests made.**

**September 14 - No arrests made.**

**September 15 - Douglas Mackenzie,** 33, habitual traffic offender and obstruction by a disguised person; **Debra A. Campbell,** 31, aggravated battery.

**September 16 - No arrests made.**

**September 17 - Adrian Baker,** 19, failure to appear for arraignment.

**September 18 - Manuel Washington,** 24, domestic battery.



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**LAUREATE GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER** of Beta Sigma Phi held their Beginning Day Luncheon Aug. 28 at the Pirate's Cove Restaurant in Stuart. The Beginning Day was planned by Gene Cross who welcomed members to her home for a social hour prior to the luncheon. A delicious fresh fruit appetizer was served by the hostess who was assisted by her husband Francis Cross.

Members received their yearbooks from yearbook editor, Helen Aspey and Gene Cross gave members background material for their assigned programs. Guests, Harvey and Margaret Smith were given an orchid plant celebrating their wedding anniversary.

Enjoying luncheon at the picturesque Pirate's Cove Restaurant on the water were Helen Aspey, Nancy Carpenter, Virginia Anderson, Vivian Pate, Jeannette Fincannon, Gene Cross, guest Margaret Smith, Janis Fliehs, D Luce and Liska Hooker. Guest included Eva Spooner, Mary Frances Burke, Edie Kirchman, Echo Painter and Jeannette Cearley. Additional guests were Harvey Smith, Melvin Spooner, Clarence Pate, Frank Anderson and Francis Cross.

## Glades Day student to Participate in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade



Kelly Alvarez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alvarez of Belle Glade, was recently chosen to participate in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 25 at 9 a.m.

Kelly, a senior at G.D.S. and co-captain of the Varsity Cheerleading Squad, was chosen from among 22 cheerleaders who tried out for the All-Star Team at the University Cheerleading Association Camp in Daytona Beach.

This November, she will travel to the "Big Apple" where she will join the other U.C.A. All-Star winners from across the nation. A very busy week awaits them; from hours of rehearsals, to performing for Macy's executives, let's hope there is time for a little sight-seeing.

Congratulations Kelly. We'll be watching out for you this Thanksgiving Day!

**Kelly Alvarez**

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The City of Pahokee has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

### Last year's property tax levy:

A. Initially proposed tax levy.....	\$530,585
B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes.....	\$114,870
C. Actual Property Levy.....	\$415,715

### This year's proposed tax levy....\$433,481

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on

**Tuesday, September 28, 1999,  
7:30 p.m. at**

**City Hall Commission Chambers,  
2nd Floor, 171 North Lake Avenue  
Pahokee, Florida 33476.**

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

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## Glades Central High School Seniors nominated for 1999 Wendy's High School Heisman award

Charlisa Anderson and Stephen Messam, both seniors at Glades Central High have been nominated for the sixth annual Wendy's High School Heisman Award, announced Dr. Effie C. Grear, principal of Glades Central.

The national awards program, created by Wendy's, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the Downtown Athletic Club of New York City, recognizes academic achievement, community service and athletic accomplishments of high school senior men and women.

The following accomplishments earned Charlisa Anderson and Stephen Messam their nomination for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.



**Charlisa Anderson**

Charlisa is ranked in the top 5 percent of her class. She volunteers at Peppi Head Start by assisting teachers in the classroom.

In her spare time, she performs creative dances for different programs and churches. Charlisa received an award from Morehouse College Math and Science Program for the best use of technology. She also made the 4A first team for track to compete in the triple jump. Lastly, Charlisa was nominated as a "Girl to Watch" for two consecutive years.

Stephen is also ranked in the top 5 percent of his class. He is president of Men of Tomorrow and Vice-President of the National Honor Society. He is also a graduate of the Youth Leadership and the south Florida Leadership Train-

ing Camp. Stephen was a member of the 1998 4A State Championship Football Team and Captain of the 1999 4A State Championship Track and Field Team. He was 2nd runner up in the long and triple jump. He was also first time All-Area, Conference and State. In addition to his other accomplishments, he was Orlando Sentinel's Florida State Track Honor Roll Member and the University of Miami Football Camp Most Valuable Wide Receiver.



**Stephen Messam**

Principals at the nations estimated 23,000 high schools were invited to nominate one male and one female student-citizen-athlete for the awards competition. Entries will be evaluated by the scholastic review service, CTB/McGraw-Hill, to narrow the field to 1020 State Award Finalists and soon to 102 State Award Winners, including the District of Columbia.

A distinguished panel of judges, including past Heisman Memorial Trophy recipients and education, business and community leaders, will review the 102 State Awards Winners and name 12 National Finalist, one male and one female representing six geographic regions.

Each National Finalist will be invited to New York City to participate in the Heisman Memorial Trophy weekend festivities at the Downtown Athletic Club Dec. 9-12. One male and one female will then be selected as the National Winners and honored during the Heisman Memorial Trophy National telecast on

Saturday, Dec. 11 on ESPN.

The awards presentation will be made by Wendy's founder Dave Thomas and program spokesperson Archie Griffin, the only two-time Heisman Memorial Trophy winner and current Associate Athletic Director at Ohio State University and Dr. Gerald Tirozzi, the Executive Director of the NASSP.

"Charlisa and Stephen have achieved a tremendous amount of success through their involvement in academics, community service and athletics," said Dr. Grear. "We are proud to honor them and they should be recognized as role models in our school and as remarkable citizens within the community."

NASSP is the largest school leadership organization, representing more than 42,000 middle level and high school principals and assistant principals. It administers the National Honor Society, the American Technology

Honor Society, the National Association of Student Councils, the National Association of Student Activity Advisers, the National Alliance of Middle Level School and the National Alliance of High School, an organization of school-based teams across the country, working with principals to implement recommendations in NASSP's reform report, *Breaking Banks: Changing an American Institution*.

Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers Restaurants was founded in 1969 by Dave Thomas, who named the chain after one of his daughters. In 1995, Wendy's merged with Tim Hortons, the second largest quick service restaurant chain in Canada, which features coffee and fresh baked goods. There are more than 5,300 Wendy's restaurants worldwide and 1,600 Tim Hortons restaurants in Canada and the U.S. with combined sales exceeding \$6 billion.

## BUDGET SUMMARY

City of Pahokee - Fiscal Year 1999-2000

	General Fund	Water and Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Marina Camp-ground Fund	Cemetery Fund	Total Budget
Cash Balance						
Revised Forecast	300,000	750,000	2,470		900,000	1,952,470
Estimated Revenues:						
Taxes:						
Ad Valorem Taxes	412,057					412,057
Sales and Use Taxes	107,030					107,030
Franchise Fees	201,000					201,000
Utility Service Taxes	374,300					374,300
Licenses & Permits	34,700					34,700
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,184,165					1,184,165
Charges for Services	351,363	2,137,465	550,000	155,100	43,300	3,237,415
Fines and Penalties	9,700	83,800				93,500
Interest Earning and Rent	76,546	54,350			55,300	186,196
Enterprise Management Fees	302,151					302,151
Misc Rev	22,000	5,300		76,350	73,415	177,065
Interfund Transfers						
Total Est. Revenues	3,073,642	2,281,100	550,000	231,450	172,015	6,310,207
Total Est. Revenues and Balances	3,375,642	3,031,100	552,470	231,450	1,072,015	8,262,677
Expenditures/Expenses:						
General Government	537,124					537,124
Public Safety	1,453,725					1,453,725
Physical Environment		1,739,970	528,271			2,269,241
Road & Street Exp.	294,655					294,655
Human Services					150,278	150,278
Culture and Recreation	663,237					663,237
Debt Service	182,301	362,392	16,445		227,069	558,107
Total Est. Expenditures	3,075,642	2,362,362	544,716	227,069	150,278	6,560,067
Reserves	300,000	668,738	7,754	4,381	921,737	1,902,610
Total Appropriated Expenditures and Reserves	3,375,642	3,031,100	552,470	552,470	231,450	8,262,677

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

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### 1999 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Dale Jarrett, 3,972	Dale Earnhardt Jr., 3,759	Greg Biffle, 3,232
2. Bobby Labonte, 3,718	Matt Kenseth, 3,656	Jack Sprague, 3,107
3. Mark Martin, 3,700	Jeff Green, 3,444	Dennis Setzer, 3,086
4. Tony Stewart, 3,683	Todd Bodt, 3,379	Stacy Compton, 3,047
5. Jeff Burton, 3,576	Elton Sawyer, 3,172	Mike Wallace, 2,981
6. Jeff Gordon, 3,554	Jeff Purvis, 3,109	Jay Sauer, 2,884
7. Dale Earnhardt, 3,415	Jason Keller, 3,031	Andy Houston, 2,884
8. Rusty Wallace, 3,163	Dave Blaney, 2,972	Ron Hornaday, 2,859
9. Terry Labonte, 2,966	Randy LaJoie, 2,797	Mike Bliss, 2,836
10. Mike Skinner, 2,933	Mike McLaughlin, 2,691	Jimmy Hensley, 2,691

### TOP TEN

■ Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

1. (2) **Jeff Burton** From 37th to fourth
2. (3) **Bobby Labonte** Teaming up with Tony
3. (1) **Dale Jarrett** Another bad-luck day
4. (4) **Tony Stewart** Sport's hottest driver
5. (5) **Mark Martin** See Jarrett
6. (6) **Jeff Gordon** Solid top five
7. (8) **Rusty Wallace** Won another pole
8. (7) **Dale Earnhardt** Never got it going
9. (—) **Ward Burton** A quiet eighth
10. (—) **Joe Nemechek** Quite the surprise

### FROM LAST WEEK

#### WINSTON CUP SERIES

Neither his car's owner, Felix Sabates, nor his parents were on hand in New Hampshire, but Joe Nemechek won his first Winston Cup race anyway, holding off Tony Stewart in the DuraLube/Kmart 300.

It was a rare moment indeed for the 35-year-old former Busch Grand National champion, who had finished in the top 10 only once in his previous 14 starts.

Third-place finisher Bobby Labonte passed Mark Martin to take second place in the points standings, and Pontiac teammate Stewart followed up his

first victory with his first runner-up finish. Joe Gibbs' drivers finished 1-2 at Richmond and 2-3 at Loudon.

Next were the two drivers who had dominated the 1,058-mile oval in recent years. Jeff Burton, who won the July 11 race, finished fourth, and Jeff Gordon, two-time defending champion of this race, was fifth. Nemechek's upset win marked the ninth of the season for a Chevrolet driver. Fords have won 11 times and continue to lead the manufacturer standings.

### 1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Sept. 26 - Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
Oct. 3 - Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 10 - Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
Oct. 17 - Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 24 - North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
Nov. 7 - Phoenix International Raceway	Phoenix, Ariz.
Nov. 14 - Miami-Dade Homestead Motorsports Complex	Homestead, Fla.
Nov. 21 - Atlanta Motor Speedway	Hampton, Ga.

### FEUD OF THE WEEK

#### Elliott Sadler vs. Terry Labonte

The luckless Labonte weathered one major crash, was competitive for most of the day at New Hampshire and led 37 laps. What relegated him to a 31st-place finish was a tap from rookie Elliott Sadler's Ford in lap 297. "I'm tired of getting run over," said Labonte. "It was just something I didn't really want to do," said Sadler.

#### NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion:

"Sadler, his own rookie year obscured by the unprecedented success of Tony Stewart, is getting better and better. The incident cost him a top-10 finish and certainly wasn't intentional, but it's small consolation to Labonte."

### AROUND THE GARAGE

## NASCAR drivers continue annual rotations

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

LOUDON, N.H. — With Ken Schrader now officially in the MB2 No. 36 Pontiac for next year, NASCAR's annual game of musical driver seats is intensifying at roughly the same rate as a hurricane churning through the Caribbean.

Schrader is apparently taking crew chief Sammy Johns with him, leaving Ryan Pemberton open to make a move with Jerry Nadeau to the Hendrick Motorsports No. 25 Chevy.

Established drivers such as

Johnny Benson and Joe Nemechek are angling for the best options, variously considered as the open slots with Andy Petree's established No. 33 Chevy (vacated by Schrader) and new teams being established by A.J. Foyt and Southern California businessman Cal Wells.

For now, David Green has moved from Larry Hedrick's No. 41 Chevy to Tim Beyer's No. 45, with Dick Trickle taking over the Hedrick car to the remainder of the season.

Tom Beard, one of the three partners in MB2, called Schrader "one of the best dri-

vers in the garage." Schrader, 44, has four Winston Cup victories but none since 1991.

#### INSIDE DOPE ON COPE:

Derrick Cope has latched on as driver of the new Spartanburg, S.C., team being formed in Bud Moore's old facilities. Fenley Moore Motorsports (Moore will eventually be bought out completely by a California businessman) will resurrect its old No. 15 and try to run the schedule with Cope in 2000.

No sponsor has been announced.

### WINSTON CUP SERIES

Coming up: MBNA Gold 400

Where: Dover (Del.) Downs International Speedway (1 mile track), 400 laps/miles

When: Sunday, Sept. 26

Defending champion: Mark Martin

Event qualifying record: Mark Martin, Ford, 155.966 mph, Sept.

### BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Coming up: MBNA Gold 200

Where: Dover (Del.) Downs International Speedway (1 mile track), 200 laps/miles

When: Saturday, Sept. 25

Defending champion: Matt Kenseth

### CRAFTSMAN TRUCKS

Coming up: Las Vegas 250

Where: Las Vegas (Nev.) Motor

Event qualifying record: Kevin Grubb, Chevrolet, 153.498 mph, Sept. 18, 1998

Race record: Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 130.152 mph, May 30, 1998

Defending champion: Jack Sprague

Event qualifying record: Jack Sprague, Chevrolet, 161.749 mph, Nov. 7, 1998

Race record: Jack Sprague, Chevrolet, 130.801 mph, Nov. 8, 1998

### PROFILE

## Joe Nemechek



Joe Nemechek won his first race on Sept. 19 at New Hampshire.

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

The nickname "Front Row Joe" had more than a little sarcasm attached because Joe Nemechek had become known for qualifying well, then falling back on race day.

That rap bit the dust at New Hampshire, where Nemechek pulled off one of the bigger upsets in NASCAR history.

Nemechek dedicated the victory to the memory of his younger brother John, who died following a crash in a Homestead, Fla., truck race in the spring of 1997.

AGE: 35

HOMETOWN: Born in Naples, Fla., raised in Lakeland, Fla.; resides in Mooresville, N.C.

WIFE: Andrea

CHILD: John Hunter (2)

CAR: No. 42 BellSouth Chevrolet Monte Carlo, owned by Felix Sabates

RECORD: 180 starts; 3 poles, 1 win, 4 top-5 finishes, 18 top-10s, more than \$5 million in career earnings

FIRSTS: Start (July 11, 1993, at New Hampshire), pole (June 22, 1997, at California), win (Sept. 19, 1999, at New Hampshire)

WHERE WILL YOU BE NEXT YEAR? "I'm still looking for a job for the year 2000. I don't know what I'm going to be doing. Hopefully

this (winning the DuraLube/Kmart 300) will definitely help. I'm talking to a few people out there. Who knows what's going to happen?"

#### DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS A RACE CAR DRIVER:

"Every time I get in that race car I'm going to drive that thing as hard as I can no matter if it's a lap in practice, qualifying, a race or whatever. ... We've had some good runs and haven't been able to capitalize on them this year. Finally (Sunday) things went our way."

#### HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO WIN?

"I've got to thank my whole team. They did a good job on pit stops today. We had the whole package today. I don't care who you are or what team you're with, if you don't have the whole package, you're not going to win. Today was our day. We've got a good driving race car, good motors. ... The guys worked hard, and we ended up in victory lane. That's hard to do."

#### WERE YOU THINKING OF YOUR LATE BROTHER, JOHN, ON THE FINAL LAP?

"Believe me, tears were coming out of my eyes pretty heavy coming around that last lap. I miss him a lot. I wish he was here. I know he was up there watching out for me today. The Lord was watching out for us. I just wish my mom and dad could have been here and my brother and sister."

## Your Turn

### Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,

I want to know why there is such a big stink about Dale Earnhardt taking out Terry Labonte. If it had been Terry behind Dale and he had a chance to do it, he would have. Anyone else would have done it also, and NASCAR would rule it just hard racing. If you do not believe me, go back over some of the tapes of previous races.

As far as my opinion goes, Dale Earnhardt won the race fair and square. Why was there nothing said about Terry hitting Dale in the corners?

Richard Albert  
Hillsborough, N.C.

And here's a view from the other side.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

How much longer is Earnhardt going to be allowed to get by with his dirty tricks and lies? Worse yet, NASCAR allows it to continue. He and his (team) should be barred from all racing.

Mary Ulery  
Liberal, Kan.

Thanks for your comments.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

After I saw the Goody's Headache Powder 500, everyone I talked to said it gave them a headache as it did me.

Evelyn E. Warner  
Fayetteville, Pa.

Amen. You should have read all the letters. In the 10 days following the race, we received 172 letters concerning the incident. By our tally, 129 were anti-Earnhardt, 42 were pro-Earnhardt, and one was somewhat neutral.

## Who's Hot... Who's Not

■ **HOT:** Who has more points than anyone in the last six races? Tony Stewart.

■ **NOT:** Dale Jarrett maintains a comfortable lead, but he's had three bad races in the last four.

## Trackside Trivia

1. What is the record for most cars finishing on the lead lap?
2. What speedway hosts the annual pit-crew competition?

1. 29 at Sears Point in 1995 and 1998 and at Watkins Glen this year.  
2. North Carolina Speedway at Rockingham

ANSWERS

## Fan Tips

■ "The Ultimate Stock Car Trivia Book," by Dave and Matt Lindsey, gives itself with the notation, "1,044 fast and furious facts every true fan should know." It is available from Rutledge Hill Press, 211 Seventh Ave. N., Nashville, TN 37219 (www.rutledgehillpress.com).

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# Sports this week

## Pahokee Defeats Suncoast



By Robbie Everett

On a soggy Friday night, with only two days of practice com-

pliments of Hurricane Floyd, the Pahokee Blue Devils defeated the Suncoast Charger's 6-0 in Riviera Beach.

Many loyal fans braved the weather to support their favorite players. The Charger's band provided entertainment from the stands.

The game was a battle of defenses with Blue Devil defenders Eric Moore, Octavius

Bowie, Demetrius Fitzgerald and Rodney Morris keeping the Charger's offense on the run.

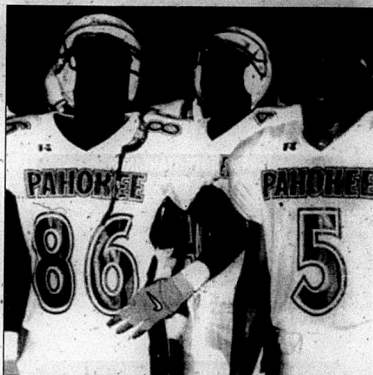
Eric Moore, *Palm Beach Post* Super 11 player, was all over the field with several forced fumbles and a blocked punt.

The game was scoreless until 3:09 of the third quarter. Pahokee's Everson Sanders sparked the offense with a fumble recovery taken 41 yard to the 7

yard line. A few plays later the Blue Devil's sophomore Keyon-vi Bowie scored on a 1 yard run.

With Pahokee backed up on its 2 yard line, quarterback William Jenkins ran out of the end zone to give Suncoast its only score, a sacrifice safety.

Pahokee will host Wellington Friday night in the game of the week on WSWN Sugar 900.



Sweating, but happy: These Pahokee Blue Devils were pleased to win Friday night.

## Raiders shut out Tigers 16-0



Glades Central enjoyed their third straight win Friday night with a 16-0 shut out of Clewis-

ton in a hometown game.

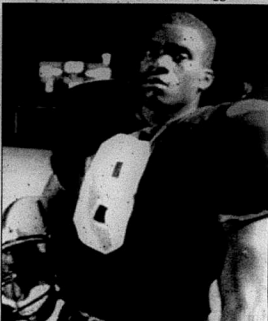
The Raiders' senior line-backer Carlton Baker had an outstanding game with 17 tackles, as did senior defensive back Johnny Mullins, who intercepted two passes.

Late in the first quarter, sophomore quarterback Curtis Holley passed the ball 80 yards to senior wide receiver Reggie Vickers to give Glades

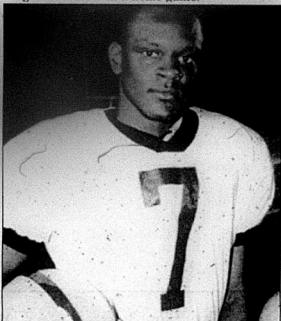
Central a 6-0 lead.

Senior tailback Jatavious McRae made a 32-yard run, giving the Raiders a chance at their second touchdown and fullback Robert Gibbons finished the effort. McRae also ran for a game-high of 138 yards on 15 carries.

Next Friday night the Raiders will take on Forest Hill in a home game.



**BIG A'S OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK...**Robert Gibbons, a senior at Glades Central stands 5'10" and weighs 205 pounds. This running back scored one touchdown in the Clewiston game. He is the man you give the ball to when you need that extra yard.



**BIG A'S DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK...**Johnnie Mullins, Jr. is a senior and stands 5'10" tall and weighs 185 pounds. The defensive end made four tackles and two interceptions against the Clewiston Tigers. Johnnie was all over the field. He is following in his father's footsteps. His mother, Vivian, volunteers in the concession stand.



**LOYAL RAIDER FANS...**Ralph (Cab) Walker and his wife (shown center) come to all the from Orlando to see the Raider football games. Johnny Mack, shown on the far left, also doesn't miss a game.



**BIG A'S SPECTACULAR PLAYER OF THE WEEK...**Jatavious McCrae, a senior, 150 pounds, 5'9" running back for Glades Central, makes a big play.



Pompano Beach Institute's Tornados felt the bite from the Glades Day School Gators this

past week as the hometown team defeated them with a score of 49-0.

The offensive line had another great week, according to Assistant Coach Craig Dobson. "They had over 570 yards offense for the second week in a row," said Coach Dobson.

"That's almost unheard of."

Offensive team members include Josh Braddock, Jeremy

Fountain, Jonathan Lively, Josh Copel, Clayton Norman and Matt Prescott.

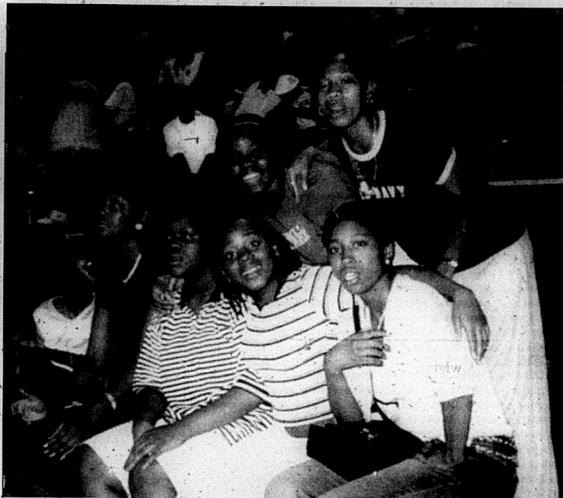
"A lot of these guys are three-year starters," said Coach Dobson. "They worked real hard this past summer, lifting weights and running on the dike. I think this has paid dividends," he added.

Senior tailback James Holman also had a great game

with 253 yards rushing on 13 carries and scored four of the game's touchdowns.

Senior, defensive end Derrick Allison had eight tackles and one sack and fullback Jimmy Dobson had 98 yards running on nine carries.

Next week, the Gators get to rest up before taking on Benjamin on their turf on Friday, Oct. 1, at 4 p.m.



Pahokee Blue Devil fans pause to get their picture taken by Sports Writer Robbie Everett.



All smiles. The Blue Devil cheerleaders were happy with Pahokee's 6-2 win over the Suncoast Chargers Friday night.

## Glades Day takes the wind out of Pompano Beach Tornados



# PIGSKIN PICKS

## Standings

Player	Wins	Losses
Mike Burkett	30	4
Randy Gay	28	10
Ricky Godfrey	24	6
Rick Gold	28	8
Donny Moss	26	5
Billy Rimes	29	7
Adrian "Big A" Verreen	27	

**SPOTLIGHT ON**

## This Week's Games

Clewiston Tigers vs. American Heritage  
 Glades Central Raiders vs. Forest Hill  
 Pahokee Blue Devils vs. Wellington  
 Central Florida Golden Knights vs. Georgia  
 Florida Gators vs. Kentucky  
 Florida State Seminoles vs. North Carolina  
 Miami Hurricanes vs. East Carolina  
 Jacksonville Jaguars vs. Tennessee  
 Tampa Bay Buccaneers vs. Denver

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## Military News

Army Pfc. Luis A. Abaunza has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history and traditions and special training in human relations. Abaunza is the son of Auxiliadora Miranda of Pahokee. He is a 1999 graduate of Pahokee Middle/Senior High School.

### Happy Birthday, Nora

*Your life is a beautiful memory.  
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Your sleep in God's beautiful garden  
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## Obituaries

Week of Sept. 23, 1999

Cecil I. Bentley, 81, of south Bay passed away Sunday, Sept. 19 at Glades General Hospital. Mr. Bentley was born April 13, 1918 in Greenup County, Kentucky and had been a resident of south Bay for over 25 years. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Bentley had been an employee of South Bay Growers. After his retirement Mr. Bentley became involved in selling produce in the area. He is survived by his daughter, Annette Berry and husband Glenn of South Bay, sons Donnie Bentley of South Bay, Ronnie Bentley of Clewiston, Dennis Bentley and wife Carolyn of Ohio and two brother, Benny Bentley and Skip Bentley, both of Ohio. Mr. Bentley also leaves behind grandchildren, Misty Fender Fonseca of Pahokee, Heather Fender of South Bay, Brandy Berry of South Bay, Donna Bentley Parrish of Clewiston, Michael Bentley of Kentucky and Denny Hale who is currently stationed in Japan. Mr. Bentley was predeceased by his grandson, Ronnie Earl Bentley. Mr. Bentley also had three great grandchildren, as well as many other friends and relatives. Visitation was held on Tuesday, Sept. 21 in the chapel of Mixson Funeral Home. Services were at the Belle Glade Church of God on Wednesday, Sept. 22, Rev. Burl Browning officiated. Interment followed at Port Mayaca Cemetery in Canal Point. Mixson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Christian Humorist to appear at Good Shepherd

Nationally known Christian humorist Justin N. Fennell is schedule to appear at Good Shepherd Church of God on Sunday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. It will be an evening of yarn-spinning stories, funny music, props, audience interaction and stand-up comedy. In addition to performing comedy, Fennell is also an author, songwriter, teacher and daddy. Fennell has appeared on national television and radio programs and writes wholesome humor for some of America's top secular comics. Recently, Bill and Gloria Gaither invited Justin to join them for their most recent video project. Fennell is extremely popular at conventions, banquets, churches and corporate functions. Everyone loves his unique blend of everyday situations with the never-changing truth of the Word of God. In addition to guaranteed laughter, you'll hear an invitation to become a follower of Jesus Christ. Pastor James Brewer invites you and your family to attend this first of ten Family Fun Nights at Good Shepherd. There is no charge for the concert and a nursery will be provided for children under the age of six. Following the concert, the church youth group will offer hamburgers and hot dogs for sale. For an inexpensive, wholesome night out with the kids, you can't beat this event!

## Feast of Tabernacles

For the 11th year, Christian Retreat Family Church will celebrate the 1999 Feast of Tabernacles. Christians and Jews from all over the country will gather to gather for this festive occasion. This multi-cultural celebration of the Lord will be held at the Conference Center on Upper Manatee River Road, east of Bradenton on Sunday, Sept. 26 and then on Monday, Sept. 27 through Wednesday, Sept. 29 at the Manatee Civic Center on Haben Blvd., just north of Bradenton. This festival of Thanks-giving to our Lord, also known as Sukkot, will feature world renowned Bible teachers along with praise and worship, Israeli music, Davidic and interpretative dancing, colorful pageantry and drama. This year the feast will be a multi-cultural celebration...subtitled "...and the children will lead them." Hosted by Pastor Phil Derstine and Christian Retreat Founder and Director Gerald Derstine, will feature Paul Wilbur, Hoana recording artist. Wilbur tours the world singing songs of God's grace and faithfulness to the nations. He will share from his album, "Shalom Jerusalem" along with many Israeli Hope favorites. The evening programs will also feature Jannette Derstine and the Christian Retreat Family Church Worship Team and other special guests including the Gonzalez Family Way of Life Ministries and the Christian Caribbean Dance Network led by Ann Peterson. Each night will feature a roll call of the nations with local area churches carrying banners and flags in colorful pageantry. Each night has also been given a theme title. In addition to the nightly events, daily workshops are being held at the Christian Retreat campus including: "Sound the Shofar" with Mike Bennett, "Banner Making" with Mary Pugh; Paul Wilbur; Israel and Ebrocine Auerbach; "Tambourine" with Sandra Holmes; "Israel and Prophecy" with Dr. Gerald Derstine; "Interpretive Dance" with Candy Belt; "Dramatic Dance" with The Way of Life Ministries; "Adult Flags" with Ann Henderson; and "Davidic Dance" with Carolyn Hinton. The Feast of Tabernacles dates back to the days of Moses, but it has been only in recent years that Christians have joined with Jews in this joyous feast of the Lord. This year, as in past years, the celebration of Christian Retreat runs concurrently with the festivities in Jerusalem, Israel, where thousands of Christians from many nations gather to praise and worship the Lord. The Feast of Tabernacles is open to anyone and a warm cordial invitation is issued by the pastors and staff of Christian Retreat and those of all participating churches. For more information on the daily workshops, the evening programs and directions to the celebration sites, call (941) 746-2882 or 1-800-782-6414. A love offering will be received.



# This is the season for reading, writing, arithmetic and Head Lice

University of Florida entomologists say that the back-to-school time of the year is when head lice are most commonly transmitted and are urging parents to be on the lookout for the tiny hair hitchhikers.

What's more, in research to test the effectiveness of many over-the-counter products that claim to kill head lice, scientist are finding that many such products are losing their effectiveness.

"Already we've seen that head lice are becoming much more difficult to control than they were several years ago with the products that are available," said entomologist Phil Koehler, a researcher in UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

"The concern is that the failures we're seeing are due to head lice developing resistance to these products," Koehler said. "Since they've been on the market for 20 years, that's plenty of time for head lice to evolve and become resistant."

If head lice shampoos and products fail, parents are left with manual removal of the tiny pests, and prevention, as the best means of keeping their children free of head lice, said Clay Scherer, a graduate researcher who works with Koehler and who consults with elementary school nurses.

From September to November, Scherer recommends, parents should inspect their children's hair weekly because the head lice transmitted then

result in widespread infestations by December and January. The National Pediculosis Association sponsors Head Lice Prevention Month in September to raise awareness about the issue.

Scherer says head lice are mostly a problem in school age children because of their playful, affectionate behavior. That behavior provides opportunities for head-to-head contact, which head lice need to spread.

"Head lice don't fly, hop, jump or run, so it takes head-to-head contact to get them," Scherer says. "Small children touch, they bump, they take naps, they share baseball caps and combs and that allows head lice to spread."

The legs of head lice end in claws that are very suited to grasping hair shafts and moving around. The tiny blood-suckers usually lay their eggs, called nits, near the root of the hair. The nits are about 1/16 inch long and an adult louse is about 1/8 inch long.

Scherer and Koehler say all the current over-the-counter products have the same active compound so if head lice are resistant to one of them, another brand won't help. Some older head lice treatments have been taken off the market because of serious side-effects.

But while head lice are bothersome, researchers point out, they are not fatal. Their best advice to parents is to avoid dangerous, even deadly, home remedies.

Scherer said one mother soaked her child's head in kerosene, combed out the lice and dipped the comb as she went into a pot of boiling water on a gas stove. The child's hair caught fire leading to severe burns.

Other home remedies, such as coating a child's hair with mayonnaise or Vaseline, simply don't work.

"Head lice are not a public health issue; they tend to be more of a nuisance," Scherer said.

Although head lice have never been shown to transmit disease, just the presence of head lice is considered a disease called pediculosis. As the head lice suck blood from the scalp, they inject their saliva into the wound. Repeated exposure to the saliva eventually causes an allergic reaction. A child with a persistent problem ends up with swollen glands and a lot of irritation caused by the infestation.

If children do get lice, Scherer says all clothing and bedding must be washed and dried on high heat to kill the lice and eggs. To guard against reinfestation from eggs that hatch later, toys such as stuffed animals should be sealed in plastic bags for seven to 10 days.

And if lice make some parents want to tear their hair out, well, that may be the best cure. For boys, a shaved head will help and for girls, a very short haircut can help in locating and removing all the lice and nits.

Koehler recommends double-checking the instructions for over-the-counter creams, shampoos and lotions to be sure they are followed. But if the instructions are followed and the treatment seems not to work, Scherer suggests avoiding repeat treatments; the products are not mere shampoos but insecticides. Manual removal of lice and nits with a lice comb is time-consuming but effective.

Although head lice infest 10 to 12 million people each year in the United States, there is still a social stigma attached to the problem, Koehler points out. In fact, the childhood slur, "you have cooties," originally referred to head lice.

Parents, the two researchers say, are the key to detecting and preventing head lice.

"One of the concerns we have is that parents really don't spend as much time looking for the lice as they should. They expect the school to do that for them and that's really not going to happen," said Koehler. "I've worked with several elementary schools, and they can have 600 kids coming back to school in September. The school health screening may or may not include a check for lice. So you just need to assume there will be children in your child's class that are infested, and they will probably spread to your child."

So checking your own child is the best precaution.

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## Seventh Annual Palms WestFest coming soon

The Palms West Chamber of Commerce is now planning its Seventh Annual Palms WestFest on Saturday, Nov. 6 and Sunday, Nov. 7.

Last year's highly successful event brought over 12,000 people to the municipal complex of Royal Palm Beach for a fun filled country music and art festival.

"This year, the event will feature a fun-house, pony and mechanical rides for the kids, velcro wall, bungee run and rock climbing with local bands such as the Persuaders, Artie Ketchum and Nicole Niles.

The headline act this year will be The Bellamy Brothers with more attractions in the works.

Chamber members and community volunteers are planning now to make this year's event a continued success and welcome anyone from the community who wished to volunteer on the committees or at the event itself.

Volunteers will receive a Palms WestFest T-shirt and free beverages while on duty.

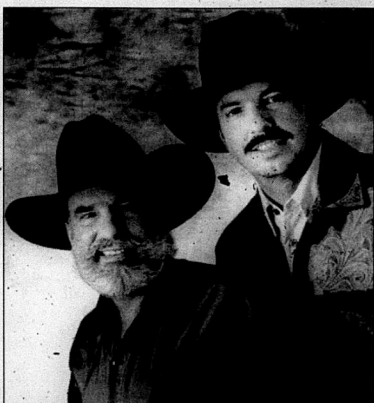
Country crafts, western art and foods, a kiddie korral, farm equipment displays, Native American dancers, top bands, dancers and entertainers, a poster contest in area schools, the Acreage Chili Cookoff and a community corral are once again planned. Additional events included again this year are a Green Market and the Little Mr. and Miss Palms WestFest contest.

Last year's event cost the Chamber \$40,000 to produce. Proceeds of the event enable the non-profit Palms West Chamber to continue its role as the information agency of the West for newcomers, tourists and

relocating individuals and businesses plus continue its support of business with programs such as the Western Communities Tourism Alliance and Leadership Palms West.

"We are proud to say that Palms WestFest has survived the competition of Fiesta on Flagler, the Heritage Festival and Boca's Frontier Days," said Executive Director Vivian Palmer. "All of these were formerly held on the same weekend in November and all are no longer around."

For information on sponsorship opportunities, booth space or to volunteer, please call the Palms West Chamber of Commerce at 790-6200 or visit the Palms West Chamber of Commerce located at 13901 Southern Blvd. in Loxahatchee.



**THE BELLAMY BROTHERS.** Will be the headline act in this year's Palms WestFest coming Saturday, Nov. 6 and Sunday, Nov. 7, in Royal Palm Beach. Also scheduled to appear are local artist Artie Ketchum and Nicole Niles.

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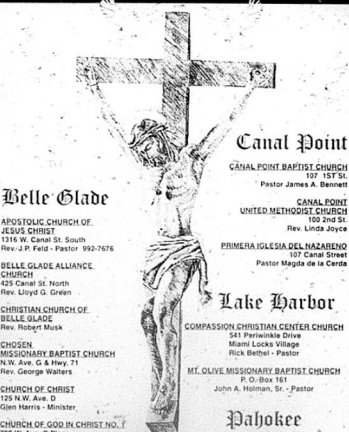
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In 1995, he was asked to join in the re-establishing of the historic Misson Tabernacle and Independent Holiness Church in Charleston, West Virginia.

After completing his mission, Brother Alexander and his wife relocated to Retford, FL and for the last two years served as Associate Pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Englewood. He has recently been called to Pahokee to minister after the retirement of Brother Dever and his wife, Mikki.

Brother Alexander and his wife, with a vision to see souls saved, looks forward to a productive and rewarding future in Pahokee. Everyone is invited to the Sunday morning or evening service to meet our new Pastor and his wife.

**Military News**

Army Pfc. Luis A. Abaunza has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history and traditions and special training in human relations.

Abaunza is the son of Auxiliadora Miranda of Pahokee. He is a 1999 graduate of Pahokee Middle/Senior High School.

*Happy Birthday, Nora.*

*Your life is a beautiful memory.  
Your absence a silent grief.  
You sleep in God's beautiful garden  
Of sunlight and perfect peace.  
You left a beautiful memory.  
A sorrow too too great to be told.  
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*From your daughter - Eddie Queen Blakely*

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## Obituaries

Week of Sept. 23, 1999

Cecil I. Bentley, 81, of south Bay passed away Sunday, Sept. 19 at Glades General Hospital.

Mr. Bentley was born April 13, 1918 in Greenup County, Kentucky and had been a resident of south Bay for over 25 years. Prior to his retirement Mr. Bentley had been an employee of South Bay Growers. After his retirement Mr. Bentley became involved in selling produce in the area.

He is survived by his daughter, Annette Berry and husband Glenn of South Bay, sons Donnie Bentley of South Bay, Ronnie Bentley of Clewiston, Dennis Bentley and wife Carolyn of Ohio and two brothers, Benny Bentley and Skip Bentley, both of Ohio. Mr. Bentley also leaves behind grandchildren, Misty Fender Fonseca of Pahokee, Heather Fender of South Bay, Brandy Berry of South Bay, Donna Bentley Parrish of Clewiston, Michael Bentley of Kentucky and Denny Hale who is currently stationed in Japan. Mr. Bentley was predeceased by his grandson, Ronnie Earl Bentley. Mr. Bentley also had three great grandchildren, as well as many other friends and relatives. Visitation was held on Tuesday, Sept. 21 in the chapel of Mixson Funeral Home. Services were at the Belle Glade Church of God on Wednesday, Sept. 22. The Rev. But Browning officiated. Interment followed at Port Mayaca Cemetery in Canal Point. Mixson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Christian Humorist to appear at Good Shepherd

Nationally known Christian humorist Justin N. Fennell is scheduled to appear at Good Shepherd Church of God on Sunday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m.

It will be an evening of yarn-spinning stories, funny music, props, audience interaction and stand-up comedy.

In addition to performing comedy, Fennell is also an author, songwriter, teacher and daddy. Fennell has appeared on national television and radio programs and writes wholesome humor for some of America's top secular comics. Recently, Bill and Gloria Gaither invited Justin to join them for their most recent video project.

Fennell is extremely popular at conventions, banquets, churches and

corporate functions. "Everyone loves his unique blend of everyday situations with the never-changing truth of the Word of God. In addition to guaranteed laughter, you'll hear an invitation to become a follower of Jesus Christ."

Pastor James Brewer invites you and your family to attend this first of ten Family Fun Nights at Good Shepherd. There is no charge for the concert and a nursery will be provided for children under the age of six.

Following the concert, the church youth group will offer hamburgers and hot dogs for sale.

For an inexpensive, wholesome night out with the kids, you can't beat this event!

## Feast of Tabernacles

For the 11th year, Christian Retreat Family Church will celebrate the 1999 Feast of Tabernacles. Christians and Jews from all over the country will gather to gather for this festive occasion.

This multi-cultural celebration of the Lord will be held at the Conference Center on Upper Manatee River Road, east of Bradenton on Sunday, Sept. 26 and then on Monday, Sept. 27 through Wednesday, Sept. 29 at the Manatee Civic Center on "Haben Blvd., just north of Bradenton."

This festival of Thanksgiving to our Lord, also known as Sukkot, will feature world renowned Bible teachers along with praise and worship, Israeli music, Davidic and interpretative dancing, colorful pageantry and drama. This year the feast will be a multi-cultural celebration... subtitled... and the children will lead them.

Hosted by Pastor Phil Derstine and Christian Retreat Founder and Director Gerald Derstine, will feature Paul Wilbur, Hosana recording artist Wilbur tours the world singing songs of God's grace and faithfulness to the nations. He will share from his album "Shalom Jerusalem" along with many Israeli Hope favorites.

The evening programs will also feature Jannette Derstine and the Christian Retreat Family Church Worship Team and other special guests including the Gonzalez Family Way of Life Ministries and the Christian Caribbean Dance Network led by Ann Peterson.

Each night will feature a roll call of the nations with local area churches carrying banners and flags in colorful pageantry. Each night has also been given a theme title. In addition to the nightly events, daily workshops are being held at the Christian Retreat campus including: "Sound the Shofar" with Mike Bennett; "Banner Making with Mary Pugh; Paul Wilbur; Israel and Ebroline Auerbach; "Tambourine" with Sandra Holmes; "Israel and Prophecy" with Dr. Gerald Derstine; "Interpretive Dance" with Candy Belt; "Dramatic Dance" with The Way of Life Ministries; "Adult Flags" with Ann Henderson; and "Davidic Dance" with Carolyn Hinton.

The Feast of Tabernacles dates back to the days of Moses, but it has been only in recent years that Christians, have joined with Jews in this joyous feast of the Lord. This year, as in past years, the celebration of Christian Retreat runs concurrently with the festivities in Jerusalem, Israel, where thousands of Christians from many nations gather to praise and worship the Lord.



# This is the season for reading, writing, arithmetic and Head Lice

University of Florida entomologists say that the back-to-school time of the year is when head lice are most commonly transmitted and are urging parents to be on the lookout for the tiny hair hitchhikers.

What's more, in research to test the effectiveness of many over-the-counter products that claim to kill head lice, scientist are finding that many such products are losing their effectiveness.

"Already we've seen that head lice are becoming much more difficult to control than they were several years ago with the products that are available," said entomologist Phil Koehler, a researcher in UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

"The concern is that the failures we're seeing are due to head lice developing resistance to these products," Koehler said. "Since they've been on the market for 20 years, that's plenty of time for head lice to evolve and become resistant."

If head lice shampoos and products fail, parents are left with manual removal of the tiny pests, and prevention, as the best means of keeping their children free of head lice, said Clay Scherer, a graduate researcher who works with Koehler and who consults with elementary school nurses.

From September to November, Scherer recommends, parents should inspect their children's hair weekly because the head lice transmitted then

result in widespread infestations by December and January. The National Pediculosis Association sponsors Head Lice Prevention Month in September to raise awareness about the issue.

Scherer says head lice are mostly a problem in school age children, because of their playful, affectionate behavior. That behavior provides opportunities for head-to-head contact, which head lice need to spread.

"Head lice don't fly, hop, jump or run, so it takes head-to-head contact to get them," Scherer says. "Small children touch, they bump, they take naps, they share baseball caps and combs and that allows head lice to spread."

The legs of head lice end in claws that are very suited to grasping hair shafts and moving around. The tiny blood-suckers usually lay their eggs, called nits, near the root of the hair. The nits are about 1/16 inch long and an adult louse is about 1/8 inch long. Scherer and Koehler say all the current over-the-counter products have the same active compound so if head lice are resistant to one of them, another brand won't help. Some older head lice treatments have been taken off the market because of serious side-effects.

But while head lice are bothersome, researchers point out, they are not fatal. Their best advice to parents is to avoid dangerous, even deadly, home remedies.

Scherer said one mother soaked her child's head in kerosene, combed out the lice and dipped the comb as she went into a pot of boiling water on a gas stove. The child's hair caught fire leading to severe burns.

Other home remedies, such as coating a child's hair with mayonnaise or Vaseline, simply don't work.

"Head lice are not a public health issue; they tend to be more of a nuisance," Scherer said.

Although head lice have never been shown to transmit disease, just the presence of head lice is considered a disease called pediculosis. As the head lice suck blood from the scalp, they inject their saliva into the wound. Repeated exposure to the saliva eventually causes an allergic reaction. A child with a persistent problem ends up with swollen glands and a lot of irritation caused by the infestation.

If children do get lice, Scherer says all clothing and bedding must be washed and dried on high heat to kill the lice and eggs. To guard against reinfestation from eggs that hatch later, toys such as stuffed animals should be sealed in plastic bags for seven to 10 days.

And if lice make some parents want to tear their hair out, well, that may be the best cure. For boys, a shaved head will help and for girls, a very short haircut can help in locating and removing all the lice and nits.

Koehler recommends double-checking the instructions for over-the-counter creams, shampoos and lotions to be sure they are followed. But if the instructions are followed and the treatment seems not to work, Scherer suggests avoiding repeat treatments; the products are not mere shampoos but insecticides. Manual removal of lice and nits with a lice comb is time-consuming but effective.

Although head lice infest 10 to 12 million people each year in the United States, there is still a social stigma attached to the problem, Koehler points out. In fact, the childhood slur, "you have cooties," originally referred to head lice.

Parents, the two researchers say, are the key to detecting and preventing head lice.

"One of the concerns we have is that parents really don't spend as much time looking for the lice as they should. They expect the school to do that for them and that's really not going to happen," said Koehler. "I've worked with several elementary schools, and they can have 600 kids coming back to school in September. The school health screening may or may not include a check for lice. So you just need to assume there will be children in your child's class that are infested, and they will probably spread to your child."

So checking your own child is the best precaution.

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## Seventh Annual Palms WestFest coming soon

The Palms West Chamber of Commerce is now planning its Seventh Annual Palms WestFest on Saturday, Nov. 6 and Sunday, Nov. 7.

Last year's highly successful event brought over 12,000 people to the municipal complex of Royal Palm Beach for a fun filled country music and art festival.

This year, the event will feature a fun-house, pony and mechanical rides for the kids, vendors will be selling and rock climbing with local bands such as the Persuaders, Artie Ketchum and Nicole Niles.

The headline act this year will be The Bellamy Brothers with more attractions in the works.

Chamber members and community volunteers are planning now to make this year's event a continued success and welcome anyone from the community who wished to volunteer on the committees or at the event itself.

Volunteers will receive a Palms WestFest T-shirt and free beverages while on duty.

Country crafts, western art and foods, a kiddie korral, farm equipment displays, Native American dancers, top bands, dancers and entertainers, a poster contest in area schools, the Acreege Chili Cookoff and a community corral are once again planned.

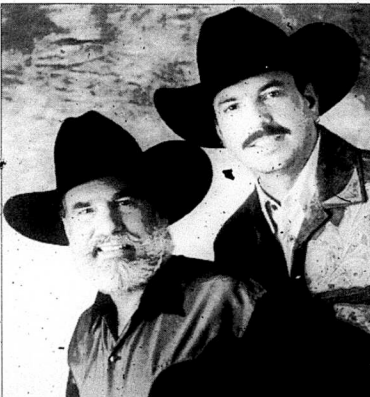
Additional events included again this year are a Green Market and the Little Mr. and Miss Palms WestFest contest.

Last year's event cost the Chamber \$40,000 to produce. Proceeds of the event enable the non-profit Palms West Chamber to continue its role as the information agency of the West for newcomers, tourists and

relocating individuals and businesses plus continue its support of business with programs such as the Western Communities Tourism Alliance and Leadership Palms West.

"We are proud to say that Palms WestFest has survived the competition of Fiesta on Flagler, the Heritage Festival and Boca's Frontier Days," said Executive Director Vivian Palmer. "All of these were formerly held on the same weekend in November and all are no longer around."

For information on sponsorship opportunities, booth space or to volunteer, please call the Palms West Chamber of Commerce at 790-6200 or visit the Palms West Chamber of Commerce located at 13901 Southern Blvd. in Loxahatchee.



THE BELLAMY BROTHERS will be the headline act in this year's Palms WestFest coming Saturday, Nov. 6 and Sunday, Nov. 7, in Royal Palm Beach. Also scheduled to appear are local artist Artie Ketchum and Nicole Niles.

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it. I don't think he had any actual loss of consciousness. He only has pain in that left shoulder and that side of his head."

Cortez leaned in. "Grant, I'm Dr. Cortez. We'll be taking care of you."

How's my little brother, Doc?" Grant moaned.

"We're taking care of him in the next room, Grant. Now let's concentrate on you." Then, turning to the nurse who was connecting the cardiac monitor leads to Grant's chest, she added, "His airway is OK, and his lungs sound clear. Get a second IV started, get the blood and urine, and I'll be right back."

Cortez hustled to the next room, where Phil had Larry on that stretcher.

"Hey, Doc. He's doing great. He's completely alert and oriented, and just has neck pain and this obviously broken arm." Phil pointed to Larry's right upper arm that was wrapped in a temporary cardboard splint.

After a quick check over Larry's body, Cortez was satisfied that he was not in immediate danger, so she returned to Trauma 2.

"How we doing?"

"Still has good vitals, Doc." Cortez now began a systematic evaluation of Grant's bloody body. A nurse had cleaned off some of the dried blood, and it was apparent that there were several large abrasions, "road rash" in the language of the ER, but no significant lacerations that would need repair. The main areas, including the chest, brain, and abdomen, were OK so far.

There was a large lump on the side of Grant's head, just above the ear, and his left shoulder was quite swollen and tender.

The team stepped back as a radiology technician began a series of X-rays.

How's my little brother, Doc?" Grant called out loudly, not sure who could hear him since his head and body were still strapped down onto the hard plastic board.

From the foot of the bed came his answer.

"He's doing great in the next room, Grant. Don't worry about him."

Cortez then returned to Larry's stretcher, and conducted the same head-to-toe examination.

"Larry, it looks like you're going to be pretty lucky. We'll get some X-rays here in a couple minutes, but I think all that's broken is your arm. That's really pretty lucky for a crash in a convertible and no seat belt."

"Yes, I feel really lucky right now, Doc," Larry said sarcastically.

At that moment, Cortez heard a commotion outside the room. When she glanced toward the noise, she focused on a woman who was obviously the mother of these boys. She knew that look and body language, and nearly ran to get in front of the woman, intercepting her frantic search.

"Ma'am, I'm Dr. Cortez, the emergency physician. Are you looking for two teenage boys?" Her voice was calm, and there was a reassuring smile on her face.

"Yes! Where are they? Grant and Larry, where are they? Yes! What happened? Where are my boys?" This woman was almost hyperventilating, and her eyes began darting around the room again.

Cortez took control. "Ma'am, they're doing fine. They were in a car accident, and we're doing some X-rays and lab tests, but it looks like they're both going to do OK."

She noticed that she again had the attention of Larry and Grant's mother. Looking her straight into the eyes, Cortez

smiled.

"Come. I'll take you to their rooms."

Mom took a long, deep breath, then followed Cortez toward Trauma 2. She needed to see her boys, to hear them speak. She wouldn't think about the cause of the accident, the red Camaro, the insurance questions, the days missed from school, or all of the upcoming doctor's appointments until later.

According to a recent study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the economic cost of motor vehicle crashes in this country in that year was \$150.5 billion, the equivalent of 2.2 percent of the nation's Gross Domestic Product.

The \$150.5 billion total includes calculations of property damage, medical and emergency services costs, legal and court costs, insurance administration expenses, premature funeral costs, and lost future productivity.

Roughly nine percent of all motor vehicle crash costs are paid from public revenues, i.e., tax money. Slightly more than half of the costs is paid by private insurance.

Costs funded by public taxes amounted to \$13.8 billion during this study year, the equivalent of \$144 of added taxes for each household in this country.

A variety of factors have led to a reduction in the number of crashes, deaths, and injuries over the past few years. These include the increasing use of seat belts, improvements in roadways, and, most importantly, attempts at reducing the number of people driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians.

**Farm Bureau Annual Dinner set for Oct. 4**

The annual Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau Dinner and Meeting has been re-scheduled for Monday, October 4 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

During the event, the Everglades Agricultural Area Farm Family of the Year will be announced. A silent auction will also be held.

Guest speaker will be Michael Martin, vice president of Ag and Natural Resources. A social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person. For reservations call the Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau office at 996-0343.

**Presentation at First Baptist Church**

Heaven's Gates & Hell's Flames, a dramatized real life presentation will be presented at the First Baptist Church, 17

**Radio Shack opens in Big Lake Plaza**

Belle Glade just got a new national chain with the opening of Radio Shack in the Big Lake Plaza, 944 South Main Street.

The 3,000 square foot store is managed by Rodney Murray, a Pahokee native. The store has also hired five employees from the Belle Glade area. Two employees are fluent in Spanish.

"We're pleased to be here,"

N.W. Avenue B, Belle Glade on Sunday, Sept. 26 through Wednesday, Sept. 29 and again Oct. 3-6. All presentations begin at 7 p.m. and admission is free. A nursery is provided.

For more information call 996-5596.

**Meeting for parents of seniors at GCCHS**

There will be a meeting for the parents of seniors who attend Glades Central Community High on Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. in the school's media center.

It is important that all parents attend to be informed of the year's activities.

For more information contact Senior Class Sponsor Mrs. Watson.

**Tee-Off for Kids is Sept. 25**

West County Mental Health Clinic and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office will host their annual "Steve Haller Memorial Tee-Off for Kids" golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 25 at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course.

Proceeds from the tournament benefit the children's programs at the clinic and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post #611.

The committee is asking for support in the form of tee and cart sponsorships.

The tournament is a 4-person scramble format. A lucky player will win a new car courtesy of Steve Moore of Belle Glade by making a hole in one. Other prizes include weekend getaways, golf equipment and free rounds of golf. There will also be a silent auction.

To register for the tournament, please call the golf course at 996-6605.

**Chamber Awards Banquet Oct. 25**

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet will be held Monday, Oct. 25.

During the event, the Chamber will announce the Citizen of the Year, Agri-Business Person of the Year, Community Pride, Police and Firefighter of the Year.

For ticket information call the Chamber at 996-2745.

**Glades Central Advisory Committee to meet**

Glades Central Community High School will hold a meeting of the School Advisory Committee on Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE**

The City of South Bay has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

A. Initially proposed tax levy.....	\$347,594
B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes.....	\$0
C. Actual property tax levy.....	\$362,387

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be

held on  
**September 27, 1999**  
**8:00 p.m. at**  
**Tanner Park.**

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

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**BUDGET SUMMARY**

CITY OF SOUTH BAY - FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise Fund	Total Budget
<b>CASH BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</b>					
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b>					
Millage Per \$1000					
9.2889					
<b>Taxes:</b>					
Ad Valorem Taxes	385,753				385,753
Sales & Use Taxes	113,900				113,900
Other Taxes	28,000	383,800			411,800
Licenses & Permits	62,750				62,750
State & Local Grants	761,744		696,957		1,458,701
Charges for Services	381,388			1,461,100	1,852,488
Fines & Forfeitures	82,150				82,150
Interest/Other	230,400			210,500	440,900
Interfund Revenues	265,867			137,933	393,800
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>2,231,952</b>	<b>383,800</b>	<b>696,957</b>	<b>1,799,533</b>	<b>5,202,242</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES</b>	<b>2,231,952</b>	<b>383,800</b>	<b>696,957</b>	<b>1,799,533</b>	<b>5,202,242</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES:</b>					
General Government	852,146	383,800		1,487,233	2,725,179
Public Safety	924,640				924,640
Physical Environment	544,966		696,957		1,241,923
Roads & Streets				312,300	312,300
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,321,952</b>	<b>383,800</b>	<b>696,957</b>	<b>1,799,533</b>	<b>5,202,242</b>
<b>Reserves</b>					
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENSES AND RESERVES</b>	<b>2,321,952</b>	<b>383,800</b>	<b>696,957</b>	<b>1,799,533</b>	<b>5,202,242</b>

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**SPIRITUAL LEADERS VOW TO HELP ELIMINATE AIDS IN BELLE GLADE...** Local ministers gathered at the Drawbridge Cafe on Saturday, Sept. 18 to learn what they can do in the community to help eliminate the AIDS virus in Belle Glade. The luncheon was sponsored by Senior HIV Intervention Project (SHIP).

SHIP is a collaborative effort sponsored by the State of Florida Department of Elder Affairs and Department of Health in cooperation with Local Area Agencies on Aging. The program is designed to bring HIV education and support to seniors residing in Palm Beach, Dade and Broward counties. The project was developed because of the growing number of seniors infected with HIV disease.

Spiritual leaders of the Glades area assembled to hear Dr. Rev. McRae and Dr. Betty Baker guide them in declaring their dedication to eradicate the HIV virus. The idea is to establish five HIV ministries which will be staffed by three volunteers trained by the Health Department in HIV education, testing and support workshops for the area.

Rev. McRae told the spiritual leaders that "God doesn't have anyone else in the world other than the church of Jesus Christ to get the job of stopping this disease." He told the group their was no need to try to do anything about HIV, if you are not doing anything about drugs and explained what he called the triangle of death: drugs, prison and HIV. "If you do drugs, eventually you are going to prison and once you go to prison your chances of contacting the HIV virus more than triples," said Rev. McRae. "We must do something about this triangle and the church is the only thing I know that can interrupt that triangle."

Rev. McRae said the drug addicts will not come to the church, the church must go to them. "You must go out into the world to help these people and the church must get involved," said Rev. McRae. "You have not seen what God can do to your church until you get you about 300 drug addicts. If we help the drug addicts we will eliminate the HIV virus. There is enough drug addicts in Belle Glade to fill up all of your churches, go out there and bring them into your church."

Spiritual leaders signed the Declaration of Eradication of HIV and agreed to do everything they could do to help.

## Glades Central High School head coach to coach American League

Head coaches have been selected for the sixth annual Outback Steakhouse High School football game.

The game will be played this year at William T. Dwyer High School on Jan. 8.

Previous games had been played in December at John I. Leonard High School in Greenacres.

The date of the game was changed to accommodate All Stars who could not play in the game because teams were still in state playoffs," said President John P. Linstroth said.

Dave Clark, head coach at Royal Palm Beach High School, will coach the National League and Milton Watson, head coach at

Glades Central will coach the American League.

The game, sponsored by the national Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, Treasure Coast Chapter, features the top high school seniors from 33 high schools in Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Okeechobee and Hendry counties.

## Florida Philharmonic returns to the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center in Community Tours 99

As part of Community Tours 99, the Florida Philharmonic returns to the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 8:15 p.m. for an encore free performance, introducing many first-time attendees to the world of orchestral music.

Take advantage of this fabulous opportunity and bring

the entire family to see this world class orchestra as they perform selections by Beethoven, Mozart, Ravel, Strauss, Rossini and Mendelssohn.

Following the performance, light refreshments will be served to celebrate the start of the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Centers 1999-2000 per-

forming season and information about this year's series, "Your Passport to Performance" will be on hand.

To reserve your free tickets to the Florida Philharmonic's Community Tours 99 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 8:15 p.m. call 561-992-6160 or 561-992-6161.

## Tonya Edwards and Lennard Wright to Wed on Saturday

Tonya Edwards and Lennard Wright, both of Pahokee, will wed in a double ring ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 25.

Tonya is the daughter of

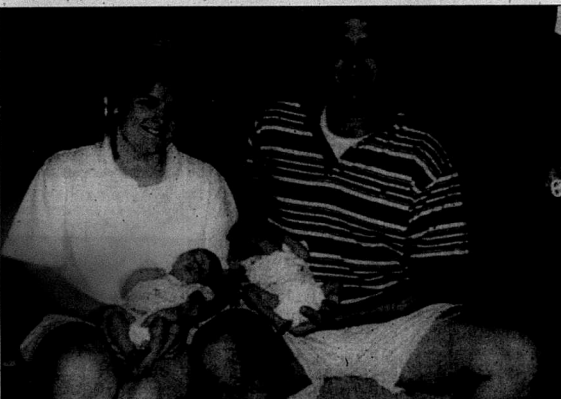
Barbara Kinsler and Kenny Edwards of Pahokee.

Lennard is the son of Esther Bryant of Pahokee.

The wedding will take place

at 5 p.m. at the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Pahokee by

Rev. Banks will perform the service.



**PROUD PARENTS OF TWIN GIRLS...** Terri and Matt Weeks are the proud parents of little Lauren Elaine Weeks and Kathryn Emily Weeks who were born Aug. 22 at St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach. Lauren weighed 4 lbs 14 oz, while Kathryn weighed 5 lbs 4 oz. Maternal grandparents are Linda and George Towell and paternal grandparents are Mary and Steve Weeks. The little girls will make their home in Belle Glade with mom and dad.

# Glades Day Gator Tales

Hi, and welcome back to another year of Gator Tales! Once again, we will do our best to keep the community abreast of events around Glades Day School.

Thanks to Hurricane Floyd, which just breezed past South Florida, students had a two-day break from their studies last week.

Unfortunately (or rather fortunately for the students!), it also interrupted the process of sending mid-term progress reports out to the parents.

We apologize for the delay. They were mailed this past Monday and should be in everyone's hands by now.

Mid-terms were not the only items delayed. A scheduled guidance meeting with the parents of juniors and seniors and sophomores had to be postponed also.

Instead, the meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. this Monday, September 27, in the high school library. We urge all parents to attend as the guidance counselors will be handing out and discussing important information concerning colleges and career options for students.

The Fall Festival will be

held in the middle of October this year and the Gator Booster Club is getting an early start on selling tickets for the annual car drawing. The ticket numbers have increased to 525. The cost of each ticket is \$1.00 with the last number drawn declared the winner. Cash prizes for certain numbers have also been added, which certainly increases the odds of at least winning your money back! A 49-0 shutout over district opponent Pompano Beach Institute last Friday.

We offer our congratulations to the junior high football team, who won their season opener 18-6 against Moore Haven.

The junior high program has struggled in the past few years and this victory surely instilled some confidence in the young players. We hope it's a sign of good things for the rest of the season!

We'd also like to congratulate the varsity volleyball team, who won second place in the Silver Division of Palm Beach Atlantic's tournament last weekend.

Despite a bus breakdown on the way to the college, the girls won two of their first three matches enroute to the medal round.

Another sport off to a running (literally!) start is cross country, which is brand new to GDS.

Coach Angee Lohmann has six girls and eight boys on the teams, and they are already making a name for themselves at the meets.

Junior Peggy Altman placed in the top five in her age division at Clewiston 5K run and also finished second overall in a meet at St. Edward's.

Sophomore Stephanie Lynn and Sweta Patel also placed in the top five at Clewiston. Hang in there guys!

## Cat Talk

### from Gove Elementary

Back by popular demand, the Gove Elementary Physical Education Department will once again offer a fitness program for the adults and a fun learning program for the students.

The fitness hour will consist of a 10 minute warm-up (with health facts), a 30 minute walk around campus, and a 5-10 minute cool down.

There will also be an opportunity to schedule fitness counseling sessions after the program.

We will meet once a week for six weeks, starting October 5 through November 9, 1999, at 6:00p.m. During this

hour, parents may leave their children in the Media Center for special activities.

If you are interested in this program, please fill out the form that was sent home with the students. Don't forget to indicate the number of children and their ages that will be attending. This will help us prepare appropriate activities for them. We hope you can join us!

#### School Advisory Council

Each school in the state of Florida has a School Advisory Council (SAC).

SAC is made up of parents, business partners, teachers, community members and administration.

The primary goal of the SAC is to assist in the implementation and writing of the School Improvement Plan (SIP).

The School Improvement Plan is a document which sets forth how the administration, teachers, parents, and community supporters will strive to better the education of the students of Gove Elementary School.

During the first meeting held on Thursday, August 26, the following people were nominated to serve in this year's SAC: Tonya Hamilton, Sherry Dulaney, Lourdes Zeno, Oscar Rios, Claudia Dominguez, Theresa Townsend, Gloria Rodriguez, Maria Alvarez, and Angie Pope.

A ballot was sent home, with the students, for parents to select five members and four alternates from those nominated.

If you would like more information about SAC, please join us on Thursday, September 23, at 7:15 p.m. in the school's media center. Baby-sitting will be provided.

#### Calling all Math Superstar

The "Principals Challenge" has just begun at Gove Elementary.

Students in grades 2-6 are urged to learn math facts and multiplication tables so they can participate in this fun and challenging event.

Students are given math worksheets for them to practice at home; parents are encouraged to time their children as they do these worksheets to see how fast they can com-

plete them with accuracy. Once per month, students who choose to participate will be given the opportunity to show their speed and accuracy by taking a short "timed" math test.

Exciting prizes will be awarded to those who can accomplish this goal. We urge all second through six grade students to take on this challenge!

#### Parent Teacher Organization

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will be hosting their first general meeting on Tuesday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the school's media center.

Come and meet the new officers for the 1999-2000 school year.

Karen McCarthy, President; Lucy Mobley, Vice President; Morte Valsoco, Secretary; Tonya Hamilton, Treasurer; Sandra Mendoza, Co-Chair.

Many exciting activities are being planned for this school year. Baby-sitting will be provided and door prizes will be given. Please join us!

#### Upcoming events

Thursday, Sept. 23 Orientation 5th & 6th Grade at 6:00 p.m.

SAC Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 28 Orientation 2nd Grade at 6:00 p.m.

PTO Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Book Fair Starts Thursday, Sept. 30

Orientation E.S.E.

## Schaper receives volleyball scholarship at Stetson



**Alicia Schaper**

Alicia Schaper is the first ever recipient of the Elizabeth Allen Endowed Volleyball Scholarship.

Alicia is a sophomore at Stetson University in Deland and a 1998 graduate of Glades Day School in Belle Glade.

While at Glades Day she led her junior and senior years as both Captain and most valuable player. An outside hitter, Alicia was the only freshman to start all 27 matches last year.

Stetson is an NCAA Division I school that competes in the Trans America Athletic Conference (TAAC). Other schools included in this conference are Jacksonville State University, FAU and the University of Central Florida.

Currently Alicia is ranked 9th individually in this conference for kill percentage and 3rd for digs as well as 6th for serving.

Alicia is the daughter of Doug and Sandi Schaper of Belle Glade.



# Fluoride levels to be adjusted in South Bay

The City of South Bay will soon begin adjusting the natural level of fluoride in the community water supply to the recommended optimal level for the purpose of preventing tooth decay, one of the most prevalent tooth diseases.

Since 1945, when the first community water fluoridation programs were implemented in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Newburg, New York, the positive effect of optimally fluoridated drinking water in preventing dental decay has been widely recognized. Today, water fluoridation is viewed as the single most cost-effective public health measure to protect the population against dental disease. Numerous studies and extensive research have proven fluoride's value in

reducing dental decay.

In 1950, the American Dental Association first endorsed the fluoridation of community water supplies as a safe, effective and economical method to prevent dental decay. Today, virtually all major national health organizations recognize and support water fluoridation as a valuable preventative public health measure.

The benefits derived from water fluoridation are numerous and well documented. Studies have shown that children growing up in fluoridated communities experience as much as 60% less decay.

The protection against decay continues throughout life for people who continue to drink fluoridated water.

Adults also benefit in the

prevention of root caries, a progressive lesion of the root surfaces resulting from exposed roots due to recession of the gums as one ages.

Fluoridation remains superior to all other dental caries preventive measures in that it reaches and benefits all persons in a community and requires no special actions by individuals in order to receive its protection.

The residents of South Bay will join the more than 8 million Florida residents who consume fluoridated water. Nationally, over 144 million Americans live in optimally fluoridated communities.

Fluoridated toothpaste and other topical fluorides recommended by your dentist should be continued.

## Ambulance service from Pg. 1

"That's just not true," said Caldwell. "We're not going to provide a level of service any less than what is currently being offered." He said AMR plans to have three, 24-hour trucks and one 16-hour truck to cover the busiest hours.

"We've been operating in the county since 1975," he said, adding that AMR's service level hasn't changed even though the company has changed hands several times over the years and is expecting another change in 2000.

Eddie Szymczyk, AMR operations manager for Palm Beach County said AMR will also have one paramedic and one emergency medical technician on each vehicle and one supervisor in a "chase" vehicle per shift.

He said this will not change unless his company finds the service can be provided at the same quality of service with fewer vehicles.

Another concern local residents have is new personnel not knowing the area, the back roads and streets.

"We hope to hire as many of the local EMTs as possible," said Mr. Szymczyk, noting that many of the EMTs with Everglades also currently work for AMR on the coast.

In the bid specifications, which *The Sun* obtained this week, the county requires a provider to "ensure a 3.0 minute average 'enroute' response to emergency medical calls occurring within their district or area per calendar month."

Local ambulance service for the Glades extends from the Okeechobee County line north of Canal Point on the north to the Broward County line on the South and from 20-Mile Bend on the east side to the Hendry County line on the west side.

AMR currently has contracts in Palm Beach, Monroe, Dade, Broward, Hillsboro and Pinellas Counties and has over 800 employees.

When asked how AMR could offer to service the Glades at no charge to the county, Mr. Szymczyk, said his company will "probably lose mon-

ey out there," but says AMR is not worried about that.

"This is a business decision," he said. "We already have a presence in the county and this just expands our presence."

He said having the exclusive on service in the county allows his company to handle all the non-emergency transports, which is a good money maker for ambulance services.

Everglades Medical Services is currently operated by the bankruptcy liquidation trustee, Michael Moecker and Associates. Attorneys for the company recently stopped EMS from providing ambulance service at hometown games in the area.

Belle Glade Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety Michael Miller was not happy with the situation.

"Dr. Grear (Glades Central's Principal) even offered to pay them extra," he said, but they couldn't come.

AMR was called and they agreed to cover the games, even though they do not yet have the contract.

"We were very sensitive to this issue. We said we would come and help out even though the contract wouldn't be effective until November 1," said Mr. Caldwell.

He said they covered the Glades Central game and even took an injured player to Glades General Hospital.

Attorneys for Michael Moecker and Associates were contacted for this story, but did not return calls before press time on Wednesday.

Over 50 signatures in support of Everglades EMS being awarded the contract for the county was submitted to the Pahokee City Commission at Tuesday night's regular meeting. They were submitted by Catherine Ammons, a long time Pahokee resident, who said she was unable to attend the meeting due to health problems.

Local city governments have not taken a stand on the issue nor made any recommendations to the county commission.



Six ladies from Belle Glade toured the Big Apple recently and were on the Today Show during the crowd shot before the morning show. Shown, from left are Mary Orsenigo, (who is almost out of the picture) Jerry Unwin, Sarah Persell, Greadle York, Sandra Chamblee, Linda McMillan and Betty Thiebaut.

## New York City will never be the same

Six Belles from Belle Glade visited the Big Apple on Aug. 19 through Aug. 24 and people say it will never be the same.

Greadle York, Linda McMillan, Sandra Chamblee, Betty Thiebaut, Jerry Unwin and Mary Orsenigo went through the city like whirlwinds.

The group had planned the trip for several months with the help of Glades Travel Service.

They boarded a plane in West Palm Beach and landed at New York City's Laguardia Airport.

After arriving at there hotel,

and having lunch they immediately began a tour of the city.

During their week long stay the group took in four Broadway shows, *The Lion King*, *Ragtime*, *Jekyll and Hyde* and *Footloose*.

After the shows the group walked the streets of New York enjoying the street musicians and vendors and listened to the blaring of horns and the wailing of the ambulance.

During their visit to the Big Apple they visited such sites as the Empire State Building, Metropolitan Museum of Arts, the Statue of Liberty and

Grand Central Station, to name a few.

They had a day of shopping at Macy's and ate at the Hard Rock Cafe.

The highlight of their trip was their appearance on the *Today Show*.

Three of the ladies, Greadle, Sandra and Linda were able to talk to Al Roker, Matt Lowary, Sara Persell, Jody, Ann and Pat Cory on Aug. 24 during the taping of the show. They were able to have their picture taken with what they called "the drop dead gorgeous camera man."

## Cheerleaders headed to Sugar Bowl

All American Cheerleader Delicious Martin and Tlaneshia Manderville are asking for your support as they raise funds for a once in a lifetime trip to the Nokia Sugar

Bowl College Championship game in New Orleans.

The cost of the trip is \$1,000 with half due on Oct. 1 and the balance Nov. 1. The girls are having dinner and candy sales

as well as other fundraisers.

Any donations can be made to Pahokee High School Cheerleader Fund in their names. Call the school for more information.

## Signs of Alzheimer's become more sever as disease progresses

### Fourth in a series

By Twila Valentine

(This is the fourth in a series on Alzheimer's Disease and in particular on the caregivers who today are caring for some 4 million Alzheimer's patients. Of those, 70 percent are residing in the home with family members as the primary caregivers for the patients.)

In the last section, we talked about the warning signs that a person may have Alzheimer's Disease. Purdue University Research Foundation published a report for health care professionals in 1997 on caring for patients with the disease. In this section, we take those signs one step further.

Alzheimer's symptoms become more severe as the disease progresses. Researchers have divided the progression of the disease into four stages.

### Stage One

In the first or forgetful stage, the patient may not have yet been diagnosed as having Alzheimer's. The primary cognitive feature of this disease is the progressive memory loss. He has begun to forget names and events and to lose things.

New information cannot be adequately incorporated into memory. Disorientation to time is closely related to memory disturbance.

The person is aware of the problem and may be depressed or irritable about these small failures. They may attribute them to stress or fatigue. Judgment and decision-making are beginning to become problems.

### Stage Two

In the second stage, confusion is common and forgetfulness increases. The patient has trouble finding the right words in ordinary conversation. The patient is often vague, and has difficulty in naming everyday objects.

He may forget to do routine tasks. His personal hygiene may slip. He may become lost easily, even in familiar places. He becomes confused with money management, driving, shopping, cooking, home management and other ordinary activities that formerly gave no trouble. Problem-solving skills deteriorate. If the patient is still employed, his competence on the job may begin to slip. He may think that items he has misplaced have been stolen. He may begin to withdraw from large social groups because they are too confusing and stressful to deal with. It becomes easier to function within the familiar walls of home. The patient probably recognizes that there is a problem and may be depressed or anxious about what is happening to him. He is often fatigued, especially late in the day.

It is in this stage the caregiver needs to be aware where the greatest risk of suicide occurs. In these stages, the patient is aware of his declining abilities and can still act on his own.

### Stage Three

In the third stage, also called ambulatory dementia, previous losses worsen, and the patient becomes unable to carry out

the ordinary activities of daily living. Bathing, grooming, and dressing appropriately cause problems. Using the toilet and walking become problems. The patient may begin to wander for long periods. He may be agitated and restless, especially at night. He may withdraw from other people and becomes more and more dependent on the primary caregiver. He has trouble choosing words and may lose his ability to read and write. Even if he can read the words, he may no longer know what they mean.

He may begin to misinterpret reality (hallucinate). For example, he may feel threatened by the characters in a TV program and think they are talking to him. Images in mirrors may become unfamiliar. The hallucinating patient may interpret anything he sees, hears, or touches as something it is not.

### Stage Four

In the last stage of the illness, the patient is no longer able to walk. He may forget how to eat, swallow and chew. He is likely to lose weight. He doesn't usually recognize the caregiver or family members. There may be seizures or stiff jerky movements. He may scream or not talk at all. He may become agitated as he tries to communicate. Problems of being bedridden may develop; urinary tract infections, pneumonia, skin breakdown, and contractures are common. Death is commonly the result of an infection such as pneumonia.



THE SIGN SAYS IT ALL...This sign in front of Kathy's Koolers on SR 715 was put up Wednesday, Sept. 22, the day after Hurricane Floyd took a turn and missed South Florida.

## Second community clean up planned for this Saturday

The city of Belle Glade, Boys & Girls Club and the Glades Positive Alternative Partnership (GPAP) would like to invite the community to come out and join them in the Second Community Clean Up. This event will hold this Saturday, Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of city hall; all volunteers are asked to meet at the fire station by 8 a.m. to register and receive shirts.

The theme for the clean up is *Keep Belle Glade Beautiful*.

"The committee is working hard to put everything together to make this event a safe and fun activity for the citizens of Belle Glade.

"We thank those who participated in the previous clean up and hope you will consider joining us again; those who were unable to participate previously, we hope you will join us in our new endeavor to *'Keep Belle Glade Beautiful'*," said Barbara Bell-Spence, public relations for the city.

"This will be an on going endeavor to help make Belle Glade a city we can all continue to be proud of.

"If you would like your area to be the next region we focus on, please give us a call at city hall, 996-0106, the office of the city manager. Or if you are interested in starting a Block Clean Up Campaign or participating in the recycling programs, don't hesitate to call. We are here to help and serve the community," she said.



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## Assistant Restaurant Manager

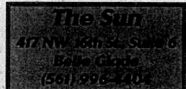
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### Fruit Handler

Food process experience strongly preferred. ability to sort incoming fruit at a fast pace. Ability to recognize and separate damaged fruit and debris from undamaged fruit. Requires understanding of English language in order to follow oral instructions. requires ability to work in a team based environment. Work overtime and weekends as required.

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Must be able to stand for long periods; must be able to maintain logs and communicate effectively verbally; will perform some heavy manual labor.

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### Process Control Operator

Computer and math skills is a definite plus. ability to work with others. Must be able to understand process flow. Ability to communicate and coordinate with other departments. applicant must be willing to work any shift and weekends. Will perform some heavy manual labor. Prior experience in Extraction/Control Room Operation is a definite plus. must be able to work in a team based environment. Position is seasonal.

### Team Leader

Requires the ability to manage in a team based organization. Requires effective written and oral communication skills, general knowledge of food processing, safety, sanitation, and good manufacturing practices required. Position requires climbing stairs and ladders walking over large areas, maneuvering safely on elevated surfaces and in confined spaces. BS degree and supervisory experience preferred. Budget management and computer skills preferred. Working weekends and some off shifts required.

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